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CLOSEUPS OF THE GERMANS' WAR ON MERCY WORKERS

In the department of the Nord, France. The ruins of a civilian hospital caused by a German bomb. All hospitals are marked prominently on the maps to indicate to enemy airmen the nature of the buildings. Regard less of this the Germans have not spared the helpless occupants and those caring for them.

Special to The Sun

War on hospitals, on doctors, on nurses, on wounded men lying in cots, on wounded men anesthetized and lying on the operating table—this is the latest phase of Hun atrocity as practiced in France, and Americans are among the victims.

In the archives of the war department there is a thrilling set of stories of German barbarity and American heroism. These stories are the official reports of what German soldiers did to American base hospitals and American ambulance sections.

Recently I learned that there were 15 American base hospitals in France of which six were serving our allies.

And it was officially announced a short time ago that we had 230 medical officers, nurses, etc., attached to the British and French forces; 370 medical officers and 470 nurses were with the British. We had with the French 40 ambulance sections each consisting of 46 officers and men.

It is some of these that have been under fire and it is some of these that have been killed and wounded.

It seems such a wretched thing to do and the results accomplished seem without method, was his response.

"No figures to accomplish three things by his raids:

"First—He does not want our base hospitals very near the front line trenches. If they are, those located wounded men can be quickly treated.

It is by bomb attacks he forces us to send our hospitals back some distance he thereby increases the chances of our wounded getting gangrene and also the number of cases in which amputation becomes necessary. He thereby depletes the fighting forces quicker.

"Second—He cold-bloodedly figures that to kill a doctor is equal to killing 500 soldiers. We can train soldiers in a few months; we can't improvise doctors.

"Third—the same thing applies in a lesser degree to trained nurses."

And now you know why on a clear moonlit night in France every doctor, nurse and orderly in charge of the hospitals near the German lines is on the qui vive for the throb-throb of the airplane.

It is on such nights that sentinels keep up unceasing vigilance and, especially, see to it that they have emergency lights for the operating room, so that the horror may not occur of a man being partially operated on and then coming to in the darkness for want of proper anesthetics.

Here are a few facts from personal letters and reports sent back to America:

Dr. George E. Brewer, famous professor of surgery in Columbia university, is in France in charge of the Columbia-Presbyterian hospital unit. In mid-July his hospital was asked to send volunteer teams to casualty

clearing stations just behind the lines. These teams consist of an operating surgeon, anesthetist, operating nurse and orderly. Dr. Brewer himself was four miles from Yser canal during the hot fighting there, receiving one day 900 wounded.

In August his station was attacked by airplane bombers three times in five days. Miss McDonald, his office nurse, lost her right eye. She pluckily remained on the job.

Kenneth Gaston of the Harvard medical unit, wrote his mother in New Jersey concerning any number of raid experiences. In the early fall he said the Germans were maintaining a regular campaign against hospitals.

The hospital to which he was attached had aviators hovering over it for three hours one night raining down bombs. Two surgeons were wounded, two of the big tents were riddled, some small tents were blown up.

The officers and men slept out in the open fields for safety. The next night the Germans attacked two hospitals to which the Americans had moved the wounded and were thus compelled to close one of these havens. Later Gaston was stationed with a hospital in a little ruined village.

A German gun, after firing around the village plunked two big shells into the hospital which was filled to capacity with badly wounded men, the kind of cases that have just a fighting chance to live.

Two of these men were killed outright and five were wounded again. For a wonder none of the nurses was hurt. Says Gaston:

"Can you imagine anything more terrible than to be wounded badly and under fire? The 90 or so cases were, of course, so terrified that they would have killed themselves worrying, so that the hospital had to be emptied at once. We worked until midnight moving them out of range. It was mean work, for the cases were all painful and the roads bad. I had to go very slowly for five kilometers and at that one poor fellow screamed at every bump."

But the worst experience was that of the U. S. Base Hospital No. 5, in charge of the famous Dr. Harvey Cushing of Harvard. On Sept. 9 last, the hospital camp was hit five times in one night. The attack took place at 11 at night just when the ward were all quiet and the officers were about to retire.

Officers' quarters consisted of a big mess tent, and some 30 beds. Warnings had been received that German raiders were on the way and all the lights in the district were out.

Lieutenant William Fitzsimmons had been aroused. He came to the door of his tent and called to one of the sergeants. Just then a bomb dropped at his feet and literally blew the lieutenant to pieces. Lieutenant Clarence McGwire of Kansas City, was blown out of his bunk in the next tent receiving wounds in the shoulder, arm

and thigh. His tent had 400 holes in it.

Lieutenant Mac Whidden, who was sitting in his tent writing, got a deep chest wound and Lieutenant Smith got a wound in the knee.

The third bomb struck one of the ward tents and the next dropped on an orderly named Tugon, fatally wounding him, the explosion being severe enough to knock down the nurse in charge, Miss Parmelee. Fourteen British Tommies were wounded.

The fifth and last bomb struck the reception tent, usually the most crowded place, there being in ordinary times, ambulance men, orderlies, stretcher-bearers, medical men and wounded. There was no one in the tent at the time but officials.

Sergeant Edwards heard the earlier explosion. Shouting a warning, he got up from the seat he was occupying and rushed to the tent door.

Bugler Woods of the regular army took the seat, thanking Edwards for it. He had hardly sat down when he was killed by an explosion, as was Private Rubine, another regular.

Private Aubrey McLeod lost both his legs and Private Mason was hurt.

After the attacks were all over there came the hard work of attending to the wounded. There was no electric current and operations were performed by the dim light of candles and lanterns.

Despite her own harrowing experience Miss Parmelee went right to work. When she started to take the pulse of a patient she found that her watch had been cut away from its strap. After working all night, she quietly reported herself to the operating room the next day and had a fragment removed from her eye-lid. There were about a dozen holes cut in her clothes by flying shell fragments.

Private Mason went to work carrying wounded during the night and it was not until some time later that one of the officers noticed the uncomplaining fellow, so heroically tending himself had a penetrating wound in the skull.

Aubrey McLeod of Boston, who lost his legs during this attack, landed in New York the other day, determined to find something he could do where he might be of service to his country. Here is all this American had to say of his own experience:

"I heard a big explosion. I looked down and saw my right leg was amputated out in two. Shortly afterward I was carried away on a stretcher. When I woke up the next day I remembered my right leg was hurt. I looked down and saw it was gone. They had amputated. Then I looked for my left leg. It had been hurt and they had cut it off too. Well, no use crying. Me for America and some new job for Uncle Sam."

MILTON BRONNER.

PERSHING REPLIES TO NEW YEAR'S MESSAGES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 3. (By The Associated Press).—On behalf of the American expeditionary force, Gen. Pershing has answered New Year's messages from the United States. A message to the army from the Children's Loyalty League reads:

"Dear American Soldiers: We know the sacrifice you have made for us and with make; that we may be safe and happy. We thank you and wish you all a happy new year."

Gen. Pershing responded as follows: "The American soldiers in France are very glad to have your message. No sacrifice we can make will be too great if we can insure the safety and happiness of the children of America."

From Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, surrogate leader and member of the Woman's Council of National Defense, came this greeting:

"The women of the United States are with you in the spirit of service. You are our standard bearers. Our hope, we love you, believe in you, pray for you."

Gen. Pershing replied: "All ranks of the American expeditionary force unite in heartfelt thanks to the women of America for their love and prayers. The patriotism of

our incomparable women, than whom there are none others more noble, shall be our constant inspiration until the great task which is entrusted to us shall be accomplished. Accept our best wishes for the coming year and our firm confidence in final success."

To Christmas messages from the women of the American Red Cross, the American commandant sent the thanks of all ranks, adding:

"The love and confidence of our women will make us all better men and better soldiers and hold us firm in the courage and determination to win."

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been frozen over and hundreds of persons skated today from New Rochelle to Execution Light.

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BIG COAL BARGES ICE BOUND IN N. Y. BAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The ice blockade in New York harbor and adjacent waters, combined with another day of zero weather, today caused concern to the fuel administrators and transportation officials who have been trying to relieve the metropolis from its alarming shortage of coal.

Barges with thousands of tons of coal on board virtually were ice-bound in the bay.

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BERKMAN HELD UP TO RUSSIANS AS MARTYR

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Alexander Berkman, an anarchist, who is under sentence in New York for two years for conspiring to obstruct the military draft regulation, and under indictment in this city in connection with preparedness parade bomb murders 13 months ago, is being held up to the Russians as a martyr to the cause of liberty, according to Prof. William S. Thayer of Johns Hopkins university, a member of the American Red Cross mission to Russia.

"At a mass meeting several weeks ago in Petrograd," Prof. Thayer said here today, "a protest against the incarceration of Berkman in the United States was adopted. A speaker told of Berkman's arrest and said that he had been thrown into a dungeon and would never again see daylight."

The speaker also informed the audience that it was far from uncommon in the United States for workmen resisting the demands of their employers, to be imprisoned for life, cast into underground dungeons, to be broken on the wheel and to have their limbs nailed on the front doors of their house.

"I have corroborated every detail of this meeting and my information is derived from most reliable sources."

Prof. Thayer said that notwithstanding isolated occurrences of this nature, he was deeply impressed with the fundamental toleration and patience of the Russian people.

SUCCESSOR TO SIR CECIL ARTHUR SPRING-RICE

LONDON, Jan. 4.—It is suggested editorially by the Daily Chronicle that either Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary, Earl Reading, lord chief justice, or J. Austin Chamberlain would be acceptable as ambassador at Washington.

It has been reported that Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the British ambassador to the United States, will soon retire from that post.

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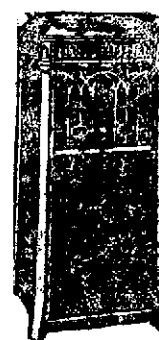
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18413—Long BoyByron G. Harlan with Peerless Quartet—10 in. 75c

18399—Will You Remember?Alice Green-Raymond Dixon—10 in. 75c

18408—Wait Till the Cows Come Home—Green-Macdonough with Mixed Quartet—10 in. 75c

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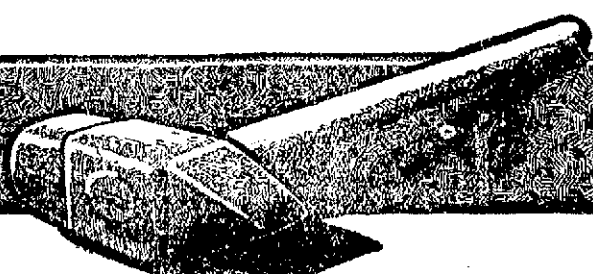
Facts, like rivets, hammered home hold fast.

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Then is the time to change to the delicious cereal drink—

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"There's a Reason"



President Wilson, having announced previously that he was going home on a leave of absence.

\$75,000 LOSS CAUSED BY FIRE AT BROCKTON

BROCKTON, Jan. 4.—With the thermometer three degrees below zero early this morning firemen from four stations spent five hours fighting a blaze in the heart of the retail district, the loss being close to \$75,000.

The fire started in the storehouse of the Tolman job print, which concern suffers a loss of \$25,000. The Barron Furniture Co., on the first floor on the Centre street side of the building, has a loss of \$17,000, and the Monarch Clothing Co., a loss of \$20,000.

The A. L. Task Co., hardware dealers, sustain a loss of \$3000. There were smaller losses by other concerns. The cause of the fire is undetermined. Several firemen were overcome by the cold.

ADJUSTMENT OF FISHERY DISPUTES BETWEEN U. S. AND CANADA FORESEEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Amicable adjustment of long standing fishery disputes between the United States and Canada is foreseen by officials who represent this country in conferences to begin here Jan. 15. Congressional action will be necessary to settle finally some of the problems.

Canadian officials again are seeking to obtain the privilege for Canadian vessels to carry fish from the banks to New England cities. Legislation probably will be asked after the question of protecting American fishermen has been threshed out in conference with the Canadian delegates and assurance obtained that equal privi-

leges will be given American boats in Canadian waters.

SPRING IS NEAR!

QUINCY, Jan. 4.—Sufferers from the prolonged zero weather which has hung over this city for a week took heart last night at a notice published officially in the local papers, which called for the annual meeting of the Fourth of July association for next Tuesday night.

Another harbinger of better times was reported by Mrs. Fred W. Austin of Saville avenue. Mrs. Austin has been feeding birds all winter in her back yard. Yesterday when she went to scatter the daily allowance of crumbs she found two robins had joined the company.

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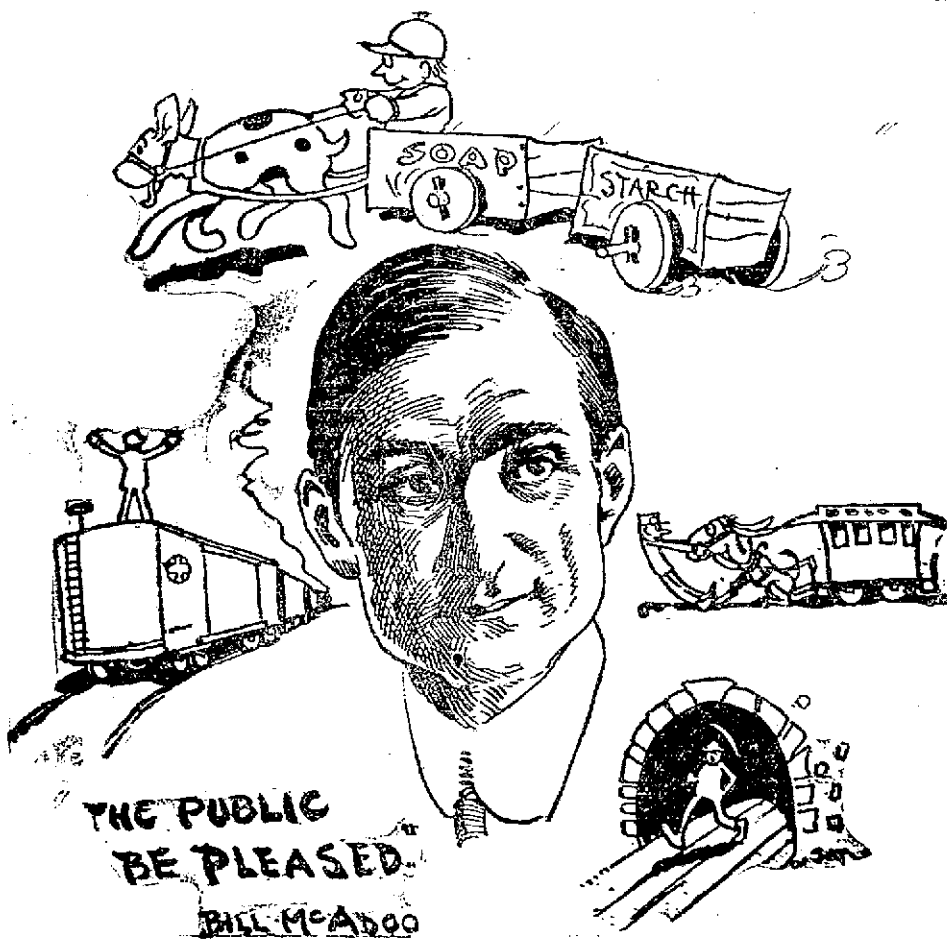
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BILL McADOO'S RAILROAD CAREER

Special to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The public be pleased!

That is William G. McAdoo's railroad slogan. McAdoo never had any use for the ancient Vanderbilt slogan—"The public be damned!" and he made this clear when he first stepped into the railroad world back in the early 90's. Then he, a youthful lawyer, was made counsel of the Central railway of Georgia and the Richmond and Danville railroad. Lawyer McAdoo put on overalls and studied railroading first hand.

But that wasn't his first railroad experience. "I always did like railroads," he explains. "First I ever owned had two cars and my dog was the engine." Having this liking for railroads in him, McAdoo bought the old Knoxville (Tenn.) Street railway, a time-worn mule and an old car.

McAdoo converted his mule railroad into an electric line. It was in the early days of electric street cars, and no one in Knoxville knew how to make it go. By the time that had been mastered McAdoo's line was in the bankruptcy court.

And the McAdoo family—W. G. having married at 22 and being the proud dad of six children—moved on to larger fields. When McAdoo got to New York, he hunted up a lawyer named William Gibbs McAdoo, not a relative, and went back to practicing law. And he might be practicing that to this day if he hadn't found a place over in Jersey where the rent was cheaper than in Gotham. Going back and forth over the ferry twice a day wasn't pleasing. In winter it was cold. Every day he had to trudge away a lot of time waiting for the ferry boat. "Ought to have a tunnel," he observed one cold morning. "Yes," agreed another chilly commuter, "tried twice to bore a tunnel through, but both were failures." McAdoo took the afternoon off and went over to Hoboken to give the failure tunnel the "once over." He went back to Gotham all enthused. All he needed was \$100,000,000. He hurried down to Wall street.

Expert tunnel builders have failed on that, cautious financiers said, carefully locking up their pocket-books in the office safe. But McAdoo kept on talking in that smooth southern drawl of his, with his kindly blue eyes sparkling and he

astonished the close-fisted moneybags by separating them from millions. Then he drove the tube through from Jersey to Manhattan, building two terminals in New York after fighting down the bitterest opposition the Metropolitan Street Railway company could put up. He went through the panic of 1905, getting money for his tunnel when other industries couldn't get a cent. And he finished it, one of the biggest pieces of constructive work ever undertaken by man. McAdoo's tube railroad is called the passenger's delight. Of all transportation companies in America none does more for the passenger's comfort, safety and pleasure than McAdoo's tunnel line. He insisted that every employee be as courteous and careful in his treatment of the public as he himself was. When he wanted to increase rates he went to his passengers and told them why it should be done. In other words, McAdoo took the public in his confidence. He never tried to "put something over" on the people who patronized his road. Speaking of McAdoo the Outlook said: "Mr. McAdoo has succeeded in instilling into the employees of the company the maxim, 'The public be

pleased" and the convenience, comfort, and safety of the passengers have been studied and provided for at every point, with the result that the public has been pleased, and shown a cordial interest in the welfare of the company."

Resides being a good railroad man, a dandy secretary of the treasury, a crack-tack tunnel builder and a brainy lawyer, William Gibbs McAdoo is one of the best cow milkers, dishwashers and biscuit makers in the world.

"I had to help with the milking, dishwashing and baking when I was young," he explains, "and I never forgot how."

Baker Given Credit For Rail Idea
War Secretary Baker's experience in the Cleveland street railway fight years ago gave him the basis for the plan under which the government took over the railroads, according to advice from Washington.

Baker is given credit for suggesting the plan which President Wilson, through Baker, outlined in the proclamation. The railway fight in Cleveland was settled by what is known as the Taylor grant. There are many points of similarity between this grant and the rail proclamation. Both give to the public officials the power of controlling service and regulating equipment expenditures. Both guarantee returns to stockholders. The underlying feature of both plans is stated in this language in both the Taylor grant and the railroad proclamation: "The best possible transportation at

cost plus a reasonable rate of return to the stockholders."

"TRAINLESS WEEK" MAY COME NEXT

Special to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—One result of Uncle Sam's taking control of the railroads may be addition of "trainless weeks" to "meatless Tuesdays" and "wheelless Wednesdays." Before President Wilson took his drastic action the railroad executives had been quietly discussing among themselves the advisability of having one passenger-trainless week each month, except between Washington and New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago and Chicago and New York.

The idea is extreme, but so is the necessity of having trains to move what the government needs, in addition to coal to keep homes warm, food to feed the people of the cities, and material to keep the industrial plants going. This trainless week would not apply to communication service which is considered in the same class as local rapid transit.

Trainless periods would release passenger engines for freight hauling and engineers and firemen also could be used in freight service. Another advantage would be to

clear the tracks of fast-moving passenger trains for which freight trains now often have to take sidings.

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TRAINING OF RADIO AND BUZZER OPERATORS

The state board of education has authorized the training of 50 radio and buzzer operators for the army at the local vocational school and Principal Fisher is making arrangements for this purpose.

The men in the new draft are eligible and may obtain membership in the class by applying to Mr. Fisher at the school any time beginning next Monday, day or evening, during the school sessions.

VOCATIONAL EVENING CLASSES
Following the winter recess Vocational school classes in dressmaking, millinery and cookery will reopen Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week at the Morrill, Greenhalge and Butler schools. New classes are forming.

Both present and new pupils are requested to report the opening evening at 7:15, ready to work. Registrations will be received Thursday and Friday evenings for a course in home nursing which is to be conducted at the Morrill school. This class will be in

charge of Miss Helen O'Rourke, who has been teaching Red Cross classes.

LAWRENCE FIREMEN HAVE FIVE-HOUR STRUGGLE IN ZERO WEATHER

LAWRENCE, Jan. 4.—In below zero temperature the entire Lawrence fire fighting force fought a blaze in the Gould company junk shop for more than five hours last night. The building, a story and a half frame structure, was entirely gutted and a miscellaneous collection of paper, rags and iron junk was completely destroyed. The loss will be \$15,000.

The firemen suffered intensely from the piercing cold and heavy smoke from the burning rags. The building was surrounded by dozens of small wooden factories and lumber yards, but the blaze was confined to the junk shop.

WAS FEELING ALL RUN DOWN

Symptoms of on-coming kidney trouble deserve prompt attention, for neglect invites serious illness. Louis Buckner, Somerset, Va., writes: "I was feeling all run down; tired, with pain in my back. After taking Foley Kidney Pills I felt like a new man. Backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, sore muscles, swollen ankles, puffiness under eyes, and sleep-disturbing bladder ailments yield quickly to this time-tried remedy. A boon to middle-aged men and women. Fells & Burkinshaw, 418 Middlesex St., Moody's Drug Store, 501 Central St."

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SEC. BAKER TO SPEED UP ARMY PREPARATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Recommendation of the American war mission that troops be sent to France as rapidly as possible will not result in any change in the general plan of training the soldiers in the United States.

This was made plain yesterday by Secretary Baker in a general discussion of the efforts of the war department promptly to carry out the mission's suggestions.

All energies will be devoted to speeding up production of munitions and equipment, and this, with the agreement of the allies to furnish the necessary ships and equipment, is expected to result in the dispatch of armies abroad much sooner than was at first thought possible.

Neither ships nor heavy artillery for any great force would be available on this side of the Atlantic for some time. Efforts to speed up the ordnance bureau's work were reflected in Secretary Baker's announcement of the reorganization of the bureau with experienced business men at the head of the several divisions which will have charge of the general work.

Reorganization of the quartermaster department under Maj. Gen. Goethals, acting quartermaster general, along the line existing some years ago when there was a commissary general and a paymaster general, also has been suggested. Gen. Goethals is said to favor this plan, and in this connection it is understood that Maj. Gen. James A. Smith, the former paymaster general, and his assistant, Maj. Gen. C. K. Devoe, will be recalled to active service.

Opportunity for changes in the department, it is pointed out, will be given soon by the retirement on their own applications of Brig. Gen. A. L. Smith and Brig. Gen. Thomas Cruise, assistants to the quartermaster general.

Steps to increase the efficiency of the army machine also have been taken by the newly created war council of the war department. These are understood to include approval of a plan whereby the most efficient officers will be placed in charge of the more important work in their departments, with removal of any officer regarded by his immediate chief as unsuited for the duties he is performing.

U. S. LOSS TO U-BOATS LESS THAN 1 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Admiral Benson, chief of operations, told the house naval committee yesterday it was folly to believe there was any loss of morale among German submarine crews and that from information gathered from German prisoners he believed the morale was the best in the German navy.

During the session, which was in private, in the course of the committee's investigation of the navy's part in the war, Admiral Benson is also said to have told the congressmen a court of inquiry found that some mistakes as to convoy might have contributed to the loss of the transport Antilles, torpedoed by a German submarine, the first important military loss of the war.

Admiral Benson also said frankly that submarine chasers did not come up to expectations and that he was responsible personally for not building any considerable number.

The number of American ships torpedoed, he said, was less than 1 per cent of those going into and out of the submarine zone under escort.

MAINE MAN TRAVELED 1500 MILES TO ENLIST IN U. S. SERVICE

SACO, Me., Jan. 4.—W. C. Webster, son of Charles H. Webster of Buxton, a teacher in the schools at Porto Rico, traveled 1500 miles to enlist in the United States service.

He was examined by the draft board here for service in the quartermasters' corps and expected to go to Jacksonville, Fla., for training, but officers were received that the department in which he had enlisted had been filled and for him to remain here until a place could be found for him.

Webster, who was a student at University of Maine, secured a leave of absence from his studies last fall and went to Porto Rico to teach school.

BAPTISTS, CONGREGATIONALISTS AND METHODISTS UNITE TO SAVE COAL

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Jan. 4.—It is believed that the union communion service of the North and South Congregational, the First Baptist and the First Methodist churches, which will be held at the Baptist church the coming Sunday, will be the first such service in the Lower Connecticut valley, and possibly in the whole state. The Baptist ritual will be employed. The Methodist pastor, Rev. William D. Beach, will officiate, assisted by Congregational deacons.

The four churches mentioned have voted to unite for three months to save coal, but it was only after deliberations lasting two weeks that all could bring their constitutions to the point of uniting together for the communion service.

SOLDIERS' BEAUTY CONTEST

The soldiers' beauty contest held in Associate hall last evening attracted a fair-sized number of uniformed men from Camp Devens but owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not as large as it might have been. During the evening general dancing was held with Minor-Doyles orchestra furnishing the music. The contest consisted of the three contestants appearing in uniform were as follows: First, Corp. Ralph A. Dudley, Battery B, 4th regular, held first prize; unattached, second, Private



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15 FAMILIES DRIVEN OUT INTO ZERO ATMOSPHERE

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 4.—Fifteen families were driven out into the zero atmosphere last night, some mothers with babies in their arms, and \$50,000 damage was caused by a fire in the Redding block at 429 Chestnut street, which started from overheated steam pipes. The building contained but few fire stops, and the flames swept rapidly through the five-story structure to the roof.

The fire department had the blaze under control within a half hour after they reached it, but were obliged to drown the building in water and chop it extensively to locate the flames. Practically all the tenants driven out lost their household and personal belongings. The families were cared for by neighbors.

INDICTMENT OF CONG. NELSON QUASHED

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 4.—The indictment charging Congressman John M. Nelson and his son, Byron Nelson, with conspiracy to evade the selective law, was quashed by Judge Charles Carpen-

ter of Chicago, in Federal District court here yesterday afternoon, on the ground that it was faulty and insufficient. The government may take the matter to the circuit court of appeals.

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\$200,000 HOTEL FIRE IN NORTH ATTLEBORO

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Jan. 4.—Fire last evening destroyed the Emerson building, the largest frame structure in Bristol county, and the loss, \$200,000, is the heaviest the town has suffered in years. The building was occupied by the Emerson hotel of 75 rooms, all of which were rented; Atlantic & Pacific Tea company, Western Union Telegraph company, Edward Angelon, tailor; Carpenter Hardware company; James McCabe, news dealer, and John Slank, tailor, all losing their complete stocks and furnishings. The hotel guests were able to help to save most of their personal property.

The fire, which started at 6 o'clock, was discovered by Robert Johnson, who sent in an alarm from box 5. Asst. Engineers Henry Batchelder and Fred Gehring of the fire department at once sent for help. Attleboro, Central Falls and Pawtucket sending apparatus. The firemen directed their efforts towards saving the adjoining building, and were successful.

Joseph McAvoy, attached to Hose 1, North Attleboro, slipped on ice and fractured a leg. The building, erected in 1871 by Frank O. Emerson was owned by Harrison C. Swift of Attleboro.

TO TRAIN FIELD WORKERS
NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A school for the training of field workers, who will serve at the various cantonments and at the front, in foreign service, has just been opened at the Central Jewish Institute, New York City, by the Jewish board for welfare work in the United States army and navy, which Colonel Harry Cutler is chair-

MILLIONAIRE SOLDIER GOING TO WAR SCHOOL AT CAMP DEVENS, AYER

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 4.—Downing P. Brown, millionaire lumberman, who has been serving as a private at Camp Devens and was promoted to sergeant, has been certified to attend the officers' training school which is to open January 5.

He went to Scotland with forestry units which he organized, was commissioned major, resigned his commission and enlisted as a private on his return.

Mr. Brown has two nephews, sons of Herbert J. Brown of this city, who were commissioned recently. He has been associated with the Berlin mills and Burgess Sulphite companies of this city and Berlin, N. H.

Deposit that Christmas money. The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank will begin to draw interest from Saturday, January 5, 1918.

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DEMANDS ALIENS BE DRAFTED

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, in a speech before the Marketmen's association at the Quincy house last night, again called attention to the fact that the agreement between the allied countries and America on the question of drafting their citizens in the American army or that of their own country has not yet been perfected.

"Tonight's papers," he said, "quote Gen. Crowder's annual report, and I wish to call your attention to the fact that while he says that there are 700,000 more Americans available, because that number have become of age since the draft act went into effect, not a single word is said about the million or more aliens who would have been available right along if we had laws upon our statute books similar to those now in force in England and other allied countries."

"It is eight months ago since I first called the attention of our government to the injustice of restricting the draft to American-born or naturalized citizens. While at the same time the aliens, most of whom had lived in the country 10 years and more, were left at home to take the places at increased wages of the boys sent to the front, though this same alien has through strikes and demands for increased privileges made trouble for every home in the land."

Write to Congress

"Nobody appreciates the difficulties under which our noble president has been laboring for more than three years back more than I, and I have been very patient with every suggestion that has been made to me from time to time that the matter would be taken care of by treaty arrangements with our allies, but I must confess that when I read Gen. Crowder's report, without a word in reference to the millions of aliens that are available in this country, but rather boasting over the fact that there are 700,000 more American boys who have recently come of age ready to be thrust into German fiddlers, I got hot under the collar and I am not yet, and I want every man here to get hot and stay hot long enough to let the government at Washington know how he feels about the matter."

"I want every one of you to write to your representative in congress, both members of the house and the senate. Tell them that no uncertainty in Washington has delayed altogether too long in this matter. Say to them that while we are proud of the opportunity that most of us have given our boys to go to the front, and to the honor of trial, we at the same time regard it as a crime that all who live here and enjoy our institutions, obtained at the expense of so much blood and treasure, are not treated alike."

Great Britain's Example

"Ask Washington if it thinks it will be America's future, or the future of the world to slaughter America's best blood, which will be the case if the war goes on as Washington flags it will go on, and leave America's future to the hands of a class and character of those who now compose its alien population."

"Tell Washington that, as busy as Great Britain has been, she has not been by the U-boats and poverty of food resources, her statesmen have found time enough to give service in the British army in the army of their native country."

Use Rats as Club

"Let us not be bluffed any more by Washington bureaucratic promises. Put it right up to our local representatives in congress for action by each branch, and tell them that unless action is forthcoming they will get the people's answer in no uncertain tones next November. Unless something is done about this matter so that properly qualified aliens will be included in the next draft the horse sense of the American people may be depended upon to find the proper remedy."

Mr. Fitzgerald, at the conclusion of his speech, was cheered and applauded for five minutes, and was obliged to hold a reception on his way to the door.

INFANTRY UNIT AT AMHERST

AMHERST, Jan. 4.—An infantry unit of the reserve officers training school is to be organized at Amherst college with the approval of the war department. President McKeljohn announced today that Col. Richard H. Brown, U. S. A., had been detailed as professor of military science and tactics and that the work would be carried on under his supervision with Maj. Frank C. Damon in active charge.

SACRED HEART ALUMNI TO HOLD BANQUET

The Sacred Heart School alumni will hold its first annual banquet in the Sacred Heart school hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 10, and an elaborate program is being arranged by the committee in charge. Members of the alumni are scattered in many parts of the country, and letters have been received from many distant places, indicating that a number from out of town will attend the affair. Graduates of this school are represented in many walks of life, a number being identified with religious orders. Several are now members of the United States fighting forces, while others are engaged in various professions and businesses. While meetings of the alumni have been held before, the coming banquet will be the first formal celebration of the organization, and all former pupils of the school are invited to attend. Those who plan to be present, however, should notify the committee before Sunday, Jan. 6. The program as yet is unannounced, but the banquet will be at 7:30 o'clock, with the banquet at 8 o'clock. A concert and a number of addresses will follow, after which a business meeting will be held and officers elected.

JAPANESE FREIGHTER ON FIRE AT SEA

A PACIFIC PORT, Jan. 4.—The situation of the Japanese freighter Shin-yo, in whose hold a fire has been raging since Wednesday night, was described as hopeless in a cablegram received by the marine department of the chamber of commerce here last night. Assistance was near the message said, and it was expected here that her crew of approximately 50 men would be removed from the burning vessel without loss of life. All day the Shin-yo has been racing at full speed toward a Pacific port, where it was expected that the fire might be extinguished. Last night as she was almost within sight of her goal it seemed certain, according to the advices, that she would be destroyed, together with her cargo of 1500 tons of steel, cotton and other merchandise.

Naval vessels rushed to her aid yesterday and it was understood that the assistance spoken of in the message received last night referred to them. The cause of the fire has not been learned.

POST 185, G.A.R.

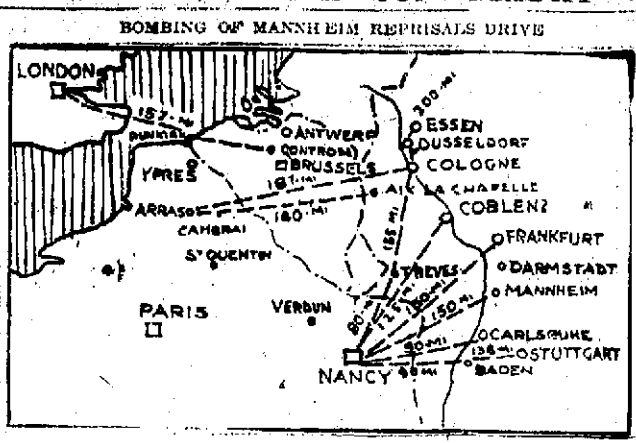
A joint installation of the officers of Post 185 and those of Circle 8, Ladies of the G.A.R., took place in Post 185 hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 3. Past Commander A. A. Davis will install the officers of the post. A collation will be served at 7 o'clock. The post has lost by death during the year, eight comrades, leaving 33 comrades, on its rolls Dec. 31.

FRITZ VON PILLS, FORMER GERMAN AGENT ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Fritz von Pills, former employee of the Prussian government, sometimes known as Baronet Frederick de Pills, was arrested here yesterday by agents of the department of justice, upon orders from Washington, as an active and dangerous enemy alien.

L.W.W. TRIAL DELAYED

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—George F. Vanderveer, attorney for the 108 alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World, appeared in Judge K. M. Landis' court yesterday, when their trials on charges of conspiracy against the government were called and withdrew their pleas of guilty. In place of these pleas he submitted motions for bills of particulars in the case of 67 of the men, bills of demurrer for 33 and pleas in abatement for 23 of the indicted men. None of the men on trial allowed his original plea to stand. That action prolongs the trial, it is believed, until the March term of court.



Map Showing Accessibility of German Towns From Nancy Air Base

Special to The Sun

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Military Washington is inclined to believe that the British airman's feat in bombarding the big German city of Mannheim is only the first step in the program of retaliation which Lloyd-George promised after some of the recent German raids upon London.

Heretofore the British have confined themselves to the strictly military objects of bombing factories, supply dumps, railway junctions, etc. This did not suit the temper of the British people who were in no mood to see English cities attacked while German towns remained immune.

Mannheim is a city of 200,000 people, one of the biggest in Baden. Others within easy flying distance of the allied lines are important cities like Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Darmstadt, Coblenz, Cologne and Essen, where the great Krupp gun works are.

It is probable that attacks will be essayed against all these points. To do so the British flyers will not use their own base at Arras, which is too far away, but will come down to Nancy. From here to the main towns it is only

a distance of from 80 to 150 miles. The change in temper that has come over the English government was made clear when Lord Cawdor resigned as chief of the aircraft board and was succeeded by Lord Rothermere, a brother of Lord Northcliffe. Rothermere at once announced that all the members of the air board were in favor of reprisals. Then he added:

"It is our duty to avenge the murder of innocent women and their children. As the enemy elect, therefore, so be it—an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth—and in this respect we shall strive for a complete and satisfactory retaliation."

"Von Ludendorff proclaims this is a war of nations, suggesting that the civil population equally is a mark for the bombs along with the fighting men."

"We detested this doctrine, holding it to be grossly immoral; but, fighting for our lives and the lives of our women and children we will not consent to its one-sided application. The enemy has to learn in this, as in the largest things, that outrages on the civilian population of this country do not pay."

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ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER LEADS RELIEF WORK

Miss Elizabeth Asquith, daughter of the former British premier, is prom-



ment in war relief work in England. She has organized many relief fairs and bazaars.

OPPOSE RELEASE OF DRAFTED ALIENS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The war department will oppose every effort of men already drafted to obtain discharges on the grounds of alien citizenship, it was learned today.

Notification that several men in National army units had made application for writs of habeas corpus for their release as aliens caused the judge advocate general's office to rule that decision of local boards upon questions of citizenship is final and conclusive.

Adj.-Gen. McCain has ordered camp commanders in every case to fight the matter out in the courts.

FUGITIVE MAKES THRILLING ESCAPE FROM OFFICERS BY JUMPING TRAIN

PRESQUE ISLE, Me., Jan. 4.—A young French Canadian, whose name is not known, made a thrilling escape from an officer yesterday afternoon. The young man had been arrested on charge of passing a forged check. He declared he could explain matters by finding the man who gave him the check. The officer started with him, but the young man made a dash for a freight train, moving through the town. He jumped between two cars, was dragged for some distance, but pulled himself to safety and waved a farewell to the policeman.

A telegram was sent to the next station, but the man could not be found. He is wanted for passing a number of bogus checks on merchants here and elsewhere in payment for goods, taking the balance in cash.

PASSENGER TRAIN CONGESTION AS RESULT OF COLD WAVE ON PENNSYLVANIA ROAD

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—Passenger train congestion on the Pennsylvania railroad here was worse today than at any time since the cold wave gripped the railroads and upset schedules. Only a few locomotives could be taken from the roundhouses and trains scheduled to leave Broad street station last night did not get away until between 6 and 9 o'clock this morning.

The Federal express from Washington for Boston laid over here nine hours.

DRIVE TEAMS DOWN PORTLAND HARBOR—ICE SAFE FROM ISLANDS IN BAY

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 4.—Ice safe for pedestrians furnishes a highway from Great Chebeague, Cousins and Littlejohn's islands in the bay to the mainland. The steamer Anacostis had a hard time forcing her way through the ice up the bay yesterday afternoon. Light teams are being driven from the mainland to and from islands down the bay, a feat seldom possible and very rarely known so early in the winter.

Thunderstorm clouds are very variable in height—from 300 to 2000 feet. The clouds in thunderstorms may be very deep—from two to five miles and more—have the appearance as to distance is very deceptive. Cumulative clouds are intermediate, and generally occupy a position from 2000 to 5000 feet above the earth.

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BOYS' SUITS WITH TWO PANTS	\$10.00	—Wholesale price today \$10.50

BOYS' OVERCOATS	\$6.00	—Wholesale price today \$6.25
BOYS' OVERCOATS	\$7.00	—Wholesale price today \$7.25
BOYS' OVERCOATS	\$8.00	—Wholesale price today \$8.75
BOYS' OVERCOATS	\$10.00	—Wholesale price today \$10.25

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FROM 6.30 TO 9.30 ONLY

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Men's \$30.00 Overcoats	\$25.50	Ladies' \$5.95 Silk Waists	\$3.95
Men's \$15.00 Suits	\$12.75	Ladies' \$3.98 Waists	\$2.95
Men's \$12.50 Suits	\$10.00	Ladies' \$2.98 Waists	\$1.95
Men's \$15.00 Odd Overcoats	\$10.00	Ladies' 98c Waists	.79c
Men's \$10.00 Raincoats	\$7.75	Ladies' \$6 and \$7 Sweaters	\$4.75
Men's \$4.00 Pants	\$2.95	Ladies' \$5.00 Bathrobes	\$2.98
Men's \$2.50 Pants	\$1.95	Ladies' \$1.00 Silk Stockings	.49c
Men's \$2.25 Hats	\$1.75	Ladies' \$1.25 Umbrellas	.89c
Men's \$1.50 Caps	\$1.10	Ladies' \$1.15 House Dresses	.89c
Men's 50c Winter Caps	.39c	Ladies' 89c Bungalow Aprons	.59c
Men's \$1.50 Shirts (any style)	\$1.20	Boys' \$10 Suits or Overcoats	\$8.95
Men's \$2.00 Union Suits	\$1.65	Boys' \$7.00 Suits	\$5.95
Men's \$5.00 Shaker Sweaters	\$3.95	Boys' \$6.00 Overcoats	\$4.95
Men's 75c Ribbed Underwear	.59c	Boys' \$5.00 Odd Overcoats	\$2.95
Men's 75c Work Shirts	.62c	Boys' \$1.25 Knicker Pants	.95c
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LAST YEAR COLDEST IN 47 YEARS

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Boston had a splendid assortment of weather in 1917, according to figures just issued from Washington by the weather bureau. In the face of the present little flurry, it is pleasant to remember that—

The average temperature in July was 53 degrees above zero. In January of 1917, one year ago, the average temperature was 30 degrees. This year it seems to be heading towards thirty degrees below. Still, it was colder in 1917, on an average, than in 47 years. For the year, the mean temperature was 47 degrees; for the 47 years previous it was 43 degrees.

And listen—the highest mean temperature of three consecutive days was 57 degrees—on July 31, August 1 and August 2. The lowest was 3 below, on Dec. 29, Dec. 30 and Dec. 31. The record for 1918 will look far different.

And the longest period without rain was 21 days, from October 31 to November 20. The longest rain spell was from June 8 to June 12—five days.

As to frost—it is to laugh, to write about such little things as frost, in these days—there was a spring time frost on April 11, and an autumn frost on Nov. 5. And as to snow the best fall in 24 hours was 3.1 inches on April 9. The last snow, last spring, was on May 6; the first snow this fall was on Oct. 24.

Few people remember that we had any thunder storms at all; but it seems that we had two, anyway—the first on Feb. 5, and the last one on October 25.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Notes—Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come later.

D. F. KEITH'S THEATRE
Mary Garden in a screen version of "Thais," one of the biggest picture hits of the current times, is the leading feature of the bill at the R. F. Keith theatre, this week. Photographically and dramatically it is a wholly superior in quality, and the leading figure stands out prominently. In the vaudeville portion of the bill a very clever comedy, "Mrs. Filbert's Affairs," is offered. The company which plays it is decidedly above the average. Burns & Frabito, in a wop act are really good laugh-makers. Their skill with the toy balloons is a genuine novelty. Morris and Campbell, who create a diversion, are good fun all the time, and McMahon, Diamond & Chaplow dance in whirlwind fashion. Jennie Middleton, a pretty young violinist, and the Littlejohns, jugglers, are the other acts of the bill. The Hearst-Pathe News pictures are shown at cash performance. Good seats may be obtained in advance at the box office. Phone 25.

OPERA HOUSE
The play without a name for which a prize of \$25 in gold is to be given by the management to the person suggesting the most appropriate title is attracting widespread attention at the Opera House this week. The New Players are scoring one of their biggest hits and, judging from

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Because they are diseased. Two sound active kidneys are essential to good health. They must act as filters, cleansing the blood of the poisonous waste matters taken up in its course through the body.

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The generous response from the playgoers anxious to attach a title to it, there is every reason in concluding its general popularity. Douglas Dumbrell is unusually good in his interpretation of the adventurous young army officer whose love affair with the daughter of the district attorney is one of the many interesting phases of the play. The comedy and dramatic features are also most commendable. You'll like it immensely. Order your seats right away and don't be disappointed by putting it off until the last minute.

Next week, Lowell's popular juvenile man of two seasons, Joe Crehan, will appear in the presentation of that ever enjoyable comedy, "Charley's Aunt." Mr. Crehan's engagement is absolutely for one week only, and his many friends in and out of the city will surely avail themselves of the opportunity of enjoying him in one of his best parts. Joe enjoys an enviable reputation as an entertainer and his return will no doubt be learned with pleasure by all. The usual offer of a \$25 suit or gown to the person holding the lucky reserved seat coupon will be made for the matinee and night performances next Monday. Don't miss these offers.

THE STRAND
Over 200 Georgian dorkies picking in the fields on a plantation will be seen in "The Voice of Conscience," at The Strand during the latter part of the week. Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, the co-stars, appear in this production, and both are seen to particular advantage. "The Hermitage," an old historic mansion, was used as the home of the heroines. This old dwelling had fallen into decay but was restored to its original condition and helped very materially in adding atmosphere and genuineness to the production.

"Unknown 274," with charming June Caprice as the star, is another of the big features on the bill. Miss Caprice is more pleasing than ever in her characterization of the orphan who eventually rises to a position of wealth and comes the wife of a millionaire. The Strand Revue, always interesting and instructive, and the Mack-Sennett Keystone comedy, featuring happy features. The musical contributions to the bill, including the song numbers by Henry Kelley, are most enjoyable.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC
For good variety entertainment, and one of the best shows seen here this season, is the Pace Makers Co., at the Academy of Music, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This 1918 edition of the Pace Makers should be called the show of wonders, as it certainly has everything from a chorus doing terpsichorean stunts in a new way, down to "Mad as a Hatter." Everything in the show is highly diverting. The cast of the show is an exceptionally strong one headed by that charming little soubrette, Frances Faye, who takes encore after encore with her singing and dainty dancing. Miss Smalley, the prima donna, has one of those sweet high voices that kind of make you feel as though you wished you had studied voice culture.

One of the features of the Pace Makers Co. will be Kyra, with her car load of scenery, showing the interior of the Pyramids of Egypt. Together with her costly velvet hangings and weird music, this act is known in vaudeville and burlesque as one of the most sensational dancing acts in America.

Then there is Sinai, one of the best violin players, that really can make the old fiddle talk. For comedy, Jack Pearl and Al Miller get all the fun there is with the able assistance of Frank Damsel, Harold Whalen and Eugene Raulk. As the show overflows with comedy and fun, it is a pity that Nedra, the Mystery, is well displayed. There is beside this a dazzling, bewildering, gorgeous aggregation of girls, gowns and giggles. For good variety entertainment, the Pace Makers have not been surpassed this season.

MASSACHUSETTS RAISES SOME OF THE BEST VEGETABLE SEED IN THE WORLD

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Massachusetts raises some of the best vegetable seed in the world, and a seed dealer takes a leading part in making America independent of foreign seed, said John K. Farquhar, president of the Horticultural club, in a statement issued today. Mr. Farquhar said that before

HOW THIS NERVOUS WOMAN GOT WELL

Told by Herself. Her Sincerity Should Convince Others.

Christopher, Ill.—"For four years I suffered from irregularities, weakness, nervousness, and was in a run down condition. Two of our best doctors failed to do me any good. I heard so much about what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for others, I tried it and was cured. I am no longer nervous, am regular, and in excellent health. I believe the Compound will cure any female trouble."—Mrs. ALICE HENSLER, Christopher, Ill.

Nervousness is often a symptom of weakness or some functional derangement, which may be overcome by this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as thousands of women have found by experience.

The letters constantly being published from women in every section of this country prove beyond question the merit of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

THE JAMES CO

Merrimack Street, Cor. of Palmer

Choice of the House Sale in This

Great January Mark Down Sale

ANY COAT ANY SUIT ANY DRESS

No restrictions. Our entire stock included, formerly selling at 19.75, 22.50, 25.00, 29.50 up to 45.00, will be placed on sale Saturday and Monday at this one big clearing price of

15

Women's and Misses' COATS

Newest Winter SUITS

Women's and Misses' DRESSES

Of Pom Pom, Warm Meltons, Bolivia, Broadcloths, Salt, Silk Plush and Velours; some with deep fur collars of Raccoon and Kit Coney; others with self collars, in plain tailored and stylish models.

In all the leading fashionable and tailored models. Materials suitable for early spring wear, of Velour de Lain, Tricotine, Broadcloth and Oxford Cloth, coloring mostly Navy and Black; some Green, Burgundy and Brown in this wonderful assortment.

Of fine French Serge, Satin De Moir, Taffeta and Novelty Cloth, many styled with Georgette Combinations, in pretty Chic models and conservative styles. Party Gowns included in this Great Event for Saturday and Monday only.

Choice of the House Sale of Our Entire Stock of GIRLS' FINE COATS

FORMERLY PRICED TO 6.50 FORMERLY PRICED TO 12.98 FORMERLY PRICED TO 18.50

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CHOICE 5.00

CHOICE 9.00

All Sales Final

No C. O. D.

No Approvals

COME EARLY FOR FIRST SELECTIONS

the war nearly two-thirds of the garden seeds used in the United States came from European countries. As importation is now largely out of there will be a shortage this year. He urged that the seed growing industry should be more widespread in this country and particularly in Massachusetts.

STREET RAILWAY ISSUES COAL BULLETIN

The following bulletin, dealing with the coal situation as it affects the street railway, has been submitted by Wallace B. Donham, receiver for the Bay State Street Railway company: During the past 24 hours, we have received:—

4 cars coal at East Woburn, about 142 tons
At Salem from Beverly pocket 47
At Gloucester from Beverly pocket 33
Total 222 tons
The Barge Kennerly, which unloaded part of its load at Chelsea, has been trying for two days to get into Lynn to deliver the rest, but even with the assistance of two tugs, it has been unable to do so on account of the ice, and is still out in the harbor.

It must also be said that of the coal on hand 150 tons at Quincy must be returned to a coal dealer of whom we borrowed coal on the 20th and 200 tons must be returned to the navy before Jan. 11th, from the supply at Newport and Portsmouth stations.

As of this morning, Thursday, the 2nd, the coal on hand, available for use in the power houses (less the three-day minimum) is as follows:

Locality	Quantity, tons	No. days' supply
Quincy	100	6
Hyde Park	25	26
Newport	25	26
Portsmouth	19	19
Lynn	46	64
Chelsea	4	572
Salem	19	177
Lowell	19	327
Lawrence	21	9
Gloucester	13	4
Haverhill	13	57
Woburn	24	16
Weymouth	4	62
Boston	4	62

MUNICIPAL PLANTS WANT GIRLS
BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The state free employment office in this city has received notices from three municipalities that they will require girls in large numbers soon for work in their factories. Officials said today that there was at present a heavy demand for women for clerical work.

RULES GOVERNING THE OFFICERS' SCHOOL

CAMP DEVENS, Ayer, Jan. 4.—Camp Devens draftees who successfully pass through the officers' training course to start here next Monday, and who are recommended for commissions when the school closes on April 5, will return to the ranks of the companies to resume their present ratings until such time as vacancies occur among the commissioned officers of this division.

That was the announcement yesterday of Capt. Norman F. Harrower, divisional intelligence officer. College men who are to attend the school will not receive commissions immediately after the school closes, either.

Sergeants and corporals and first-

clues privates—commissioned officers—will remove their chevrons while at the school. The only distinguishing uniform which the students will wear will be a red, white and blue hatcord.

The college men who are to come here will be enrolled as first-class privates and will be paid at a first-

class private's rate of pay, \$33 per month, and subsistence, while they are in the army. The draftees will retain their present ratings and rates of pay.

Those who fail to qualify for commissions will be returned to the ranks just where they left them. Those who do qualify will resume their present ratings and positions until such time as they are needed as officers.

LOWELL TRUST COMPANY

STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Lowell Trust Company of Lowell, will be held at the banking rooms, No. 265 Central Street, Lowell, Mass., on Thursday, January 10, 1918, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of officers and to act on a resolution to increase the capital stock of the Corporation to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and to authorize the issuance of the new shares at not less than par value and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them.

JOHN P. CONNORS, Secretary.

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FOR THROAT AND LUNGS
A Calcium compound that will bring relief in many acute and chronic cases. Provides in handiest form, a basic remedy highly recommended by science. Contains no harmful drugs. Try them today. 50 cents a box, including war tax.

For sale by all druggists Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia

UNION MARKET

173-175-177 MIDDLESEX FOOT OF SOUTH ST.

OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 10

Sugar-Cured Smoked Shoulders, lb. . . . 22c

POTATOES, pk. . . . 30c

Legs Spring Lamb, lb. . . . 25c

Legs Yearling, lb. . . . 15c

Corned Beef Ribs, fancy, lb. . . . 12½c

Fresh Pork Butts, lb. . . . 25c

Great Coffee Sale, fresh roast, lb. . . . 19c, 24c, 31c

Round Steak, lb. . . . 20c

Sliced Liver, lb. . . . 10c

Tomato Soup, can. . . . 8c

Prunes, 3 lbs. . . . 25c

SATURDAY AT Chalifoux's CORNER

ALL \$7.50 and \$10 GEORGETTE CREPE BLOUSES left from Christmas (about 20), newest styles, broken sizes, mostly large sizes. . . . \$5.00

ALL \$7.50 and \$10 SWEATERS for women that comprise discontinued numbers, fibre silk and zephyr wool. . . . \$5.00

\$2.98 CREPE DE CHINE ENVELOPE CHEMISES left from Christmas. . . \$1.98

\$4.00 and \$4.50 NEMO CORSETS, in broken sizes. . . . \$3.50

\$1.98 HEATHERBLOOM PETTICOATS. . . . \$1.39

SOILED TEA APRONS, SOILED BOUDOIR CAPS. . . . 10c

SHOES

Women's Shoes, made of gun metal calf, lace and buttoned style with low military heel, sizes 2½ to 4. \$3.50 value for . . . \$2.98

Women's Felt Slippers, assorted fancy colors, lamb's wool insoles. Regular \$1.25 value97c

Women's Felt Slippers, Juliette style, fur trimmed, colors are red, black, and blue. \$1.00 value for79c

Girls' School Shoes, made of gun metal, lace style, broad last with heavy soles, sizes 8½ to 2. \$2.00 value for \$1.59

Children's Black Jersey Leg-ginnettes, warm fleece lined, regular \$1.00 value for 59c

Children's Crocheted Slippers, with lamb wool soles, assorted colors and sizes up to 2. 50c value for . . .29c

Cups and Saucers 10c

Japanese Hand Decorated—Limited Quantity

\$1.25 Three Quart Covered Aluminum Cooking Kettles. . . . 79c

Iron Fireplace Grates, burn coal or wood. \$5.00 value. . . \$3.50

Brass Andirons. Regular \$15.00 value. . . . \$10.50

Brass Andirons. Regular \$13.00 value. . . . \$9.50

Brass Fire Sets. Regular \$17.00 value for . . . \$11.50

Brass Fire Sets. Regular \$15.75 value. . . . \$10.50

Brass Fire Sets. Regular \$13.00 value for . . . \$9.50

Upholstered Chair Sets. Regular 29c value. . . . 25c

WARM HOSIERY AND WARM UNDERWEAR

Women's "American Hosiery" Union suits, sea island cotton, mercerized finish, shell edge, and hand top, broken styles and sizes. . . \$1.49

Women's "Athena" Vests and Tights, light weight wool, broken styles and sizes, \$1.75 and \$2.00

Women's "Athena" Merino Vests and Tights, broken styles and sizes. \$1.25 and \$1.50

Women's Fancy Silk Novelty Hose, including stripes and dots, broken lot of sizes, counter soiled79c

Women's Fibre Silk Hose, in fancy and plain colors, broken lot of sizes, counter soiled . . . 2 Pairs for 25c

DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN
LOWELL TODAY

District Attorney Nathan D. Tufts came to Lowell today to meet all persons interested in criminal cases that are to come up in the session at Cambridge on Monday morning. He came to Lowell for the convenience of Lowell people and was at the court house in Gorham street at 9 o'clock. He was accompanied by Deputy District Attorney Frederick W. Postick and Messenger Doyle.

"I came to Lowell," said Mr. Tufts, "to accommodate Lowell lawyers who

NATHAN A. TUFTS
District Attorney

have cases to come up at Cambridge on Monday. I figured that it would be much easier for me to come to Lowell than for the lawyers and their people to meet me at Cambridge."

The district attorney remained in his office at the court house until 11:30 o'clock and later took luncheon at the Richardson hotel. During his stay at the court house he heard 14 cases and talked with all the attorneys in the city. He also had a conference with Chief of Police Redmond Welch in relation to cases in which the chief is interested.

Makes Fine Record

District Attorney Tufts is completing his first year in office and he has made a record of which he may well feel proud. His administration has been business-like and economical and he has won the approval of courts and people. Beginning his term with 664 cases pending and about 250 secret indictments in addition, when the November term of court adjourned on the day before Thanksgiving there was not one case left that could be acted upon. During the year there were about 1300 new cases, and new cases and old were all cleared up, excepting about 25, which were held up because of civil suits pending, defendants not apprehended or already confined in various institutions, or were continued by the judge on application of the defendants' lawyers. The average number of cases put through by the district attorney's office each day of court was 35, and the biggest day saw 37 cases disposed of. The clerk of the court, who has been connected with the office for 21 years, declares that he has never known the criminal docket to be in better condition.

In spite of the vast amount of business transacted, District Attorney Tufts will complete the year about \$19,000 under his appropriation, which amounted to \$20,000. The total expense of \$1,000 is the lowest for years and in the meantime the work of the office has increased because of legislation, labor laws, automobile cases and the general increase of population. This requires more clerks and the district attorney has two assistants and one deputy. Mr. Tufts has enforced a new policy of keeping his office open continually, whether court is in session or not, and business is transacted promptly and efficiently. The receipts of the office for this year are \$14,418.99, or about \$5000 greater than the receipts of any previous year.

In the mass of business connected with the office there are several important cases of more than usual interest. One of these was the commonwealth against James Wakelin of Mel-

rose for a crime committed on June 1, 1916, the prosecution of which had been abandoned as hopeless. District Attorney Tufts took it up and Wakelin was convicted of manslaughter. The case attracted wide attention. The little Wakelin girl was found dead in the woods, apparently having been murdered on her way to school, and after elusio was followed without result.

Another important case was the commonwealth against Gracena, a homicide case in Waltham, which resulted in the breaking up of a gang of Italian gunmen, and the defendant was sent to state prison for from 15 to 18 years.

A third triumph for the district attorney's office was the breaking up of the auto theft industry which began to flourish in Middlesex county in the fall of last year. Forty indictments were returned and several thieves have been sentenced already and others are awaiting trial. Since the round-up, auto thefts in the county have diminished by 80 per cent.

MEN FROM ICE BOUND
SHIPS WALK 4 MILES

WOODS HOLE, Jan. 4.—Capt. Dayton and two men from the three-masted schooner Mona, ice bound in Buzzards bay, walked four miles over the ice today to Pasque Island seeking assistance. The skipper reported that the vessel had only one day's provisions for her five men and that her fuel was exhausted, the fires having been fed for some days from the cargo of lumber.

The Mona, bound from St. John, N. B., for Saundersdown, R. I., was caught in the ice last Saturday midway between Pasque Island and New Bedford and although three anchors were let down Capt. Dayton said she was gradually working toward the island and probably would be a total wreck unless there was an immediate improvement in the weather conditions. "Two other schooners apparently in the same predicament could be seen from the Mona," he said.

WAR CAUSES SHORTAGE
OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The public school and the private school systems of the state are today confronted with a serious situation, because of the extraordinary shortage in the number of public school and private school teachers. This outlook was yesterday viewed by Dr. Foyson Smith, state commissioner of education, who attributed it to teachers leaving the teaching vocation for higher salaries paid by the government and private concerns and to the demands of the war times.

The elder teachers are said to be reaping at their educational posts, but the younger ones are called upon to have left, some to engage directly in war activities and others to seek more lucrative employment in government and private commercial employ. These tendencies are said to be exerting an influence on the young men of normal school age, with the result that comparatively few are now entering the normal schools.

REPORT AMBASSADOR
NAON HAS RESIGNED

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine, Jan. 4.—It is reported, without confirmation, that Dr. R. S. Naon, the ambassador at Washington, has resigned in consequence of friction arising from the publication of the secret telegrams sent by Count von Luxburg, before his dismissal as German minister to Argentina, to Berlin, through the medium of the Swedish legation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Dr. Naon, the Argentine ambassador, when informed of the foregoing dispatch from Buenos Aires, said there was no comment he could make and added in response to a question as to whether he had resigned, "Not that I know of."

A. G. POLLARD CO.

"THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE"

Special Sale of Bigelow-Hartford
Rug and Carpet Samples
Now on Sale

7000 PIECES

of carpeting, all this season's colorings and designs. The reason for this reduction is that they have discontinued making these numbers—therefore, we are selling them today at less than half the price of the same materials by the yard.

Rug Samples, 27 inches by 2 yards long
\$2.98 Each

For best Wiltons and Saxons. Value by the yard, \$6.00 to \$7.00.

Rug Samples, 27 inches by 2 yards long
\$2.75 Each

For Wiltons and Axminsters. Value by the yard \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Rug Samples, 27 inches by 2 yards long
\$2.50 Each

For Lowell Axminster grades. Value by the yard \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Rug Samples, 27 inches by 1½ yards long
\$1.98 Each

For best grade of fine Wiltons. Value by the yard \$7.50. Also a lot of Wilton and Saxony. Values would be \$6.00 to \$9.00.

Carpet Samples, 27 inches by 1 yard long
\$1.50 Each

Wiltons and Best Axminsters. Value by the yard \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Rug Samples, 27 inches by 1 yard long
98c Each

Value by the yard \$2.50. These are all rug corners and borders.

Carpet Samples, 18 inches by 1½ yards long
Best grade Wiltons and Brussels. Value by the yard \$1.50 to \$3.00. Sale price

98c Each

Carpet Samples, 18 inches by 27 inches long
Best quality Bigelow-Hartford Wiltons. Value by the yard \$3.00. Sale price

69c

27 inch Velvet Stair Carpet

Brown and red and green mixtures. Value \$1.50 a yard. To close out at

98c Yard

27 inch Light Weight Tapestry Stair Carpet
Variety of patterns, worth 69c yard. To close out at

49c Yard

RUG DEPARTMENT

Carpet Samples, 27 inches by 1½ yards long
\$2.50 Each

Wiltons and Best Axminster. These mostly all finished on end. Value by the yard \$4 to \$6.

Carpet Samples, 27 inches by 1½ yards long
\$1.98 Each

Best quality body Brussels. Value by the yard \$2.50.

Carpet Samples, 22½ inches by 1½ yards long
Wiltons, value \$6.00.....\$1.98 Each
Brussels, value \$4.00.....\$1.50 Each
Plain Velvet, value \$4.00.....\$1.50 Each

These are all extra big values.

Carpet Samples, 18 inches wide, 1½ yards long
98c Each

Wiltons and Brussels. Just the size rug to put at doors between your art squares.

Carpet Samples, 27 inches wide by 1 yard long
\$1.25 Each

Velvet and Body Brussels. Value by the yard \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Carpet Samples, 27 inches wide by 27 in. long
98c Each

Extra fine Wiltons, bound one end. Just the size for door mats.

Carpet Samples, 18 inches by 36 inches
Best grade Bigelow Wiltons, all bound. Just the thing for door mats. Value \$2.50. Sale price

79c Each

Carpet Samples, 18 inches by 27 inches
Bigelow Body Brussels. Value by the yard \$1.50. Sale price

59c Each

27 inch Tapestry Carpet

For halls and stairs, reds, greens and tan mixtures. Value 89c yard. To close

69c Yard

18 inch Jute Stair Carpet

Plain centres, colored borders. 30c value. To close out

29c Yard

SECOND FLOOR

More Than Ordinary Sales
Values Are Noted at These
January Dept. Clearances

And from the fact that every bargain is limited as to quantity makes them of exclusive interest to the economical shopper. Follow these clearance sales and if you would receive the most worth for your money

Watch for the Orange Cards

IN THE WOMEN'S WEAR SECTION

Cost prices and less for Women's Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Raincoats and Children's Wash Dresses.

East Section

Second Floor

IN THE WOOLEN DRESS GOODS SECTION

Both colored and black woolen, including regular weaves and fabrics, for three days only, are reduced a third and more.

Palmer Street

Right Aisle

OUR NEW MUSLIN UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT

Offers as usual hundreds of sample garments and those that were mussed and somewhat soiled with the Christmas handling at savings of 25 per cent.

West Section

Third Floor

Take Elevator

STATIONERY

The after Christmas clearances in this department present splendid economies in the way of replenishing your correspondence necessities at very small cost.

East Section

North Aisle

UMBRELLAS

For three days only during the year we reduce prices on umbrellas. If you would save from 75c to \$2.00 on an umbrella purchase today or tomorrow.

Merrimack Street

Centre Tables

SPECIAL MARKDOWNS IN
Men's, Women's and
Children's Shoes
From the Basement Department

Boys' Tan Storm Shoes with Buckles, very serviceable.

Sizes 9 to 13½. Sale price\$1.98
Sizes 1 to 5½. Sale price\$2.49

Infants' Warm Lined Shoes, very soft and cosy.

Sizes 2 to 5. Sale price75c

Hair Innersoles for men's and women's shoes.

All sizes. Sale price5c

Men's Everstick Rubbers in a variety of styles.

Regular price \$1.25. Sale price85c

Women's Rubbers, high or low heel, all sizes.

Regular price 60c. Sale price50c

Misses' Rubbers on wide fitting lasts.

Regular price 60c. Sale price49c

Women's Overshoes, all first quality, sizes 2½, 3, 3½, 7, 7½, 8.

Regular price \$2.50. Sale price\$1.59

Basement Shoe Department

CHERRY & WEBB
Week-End Specials

IN OUR BASEMENT STORE
For Saturday and Monday

110 COATS
Selling to \$13.98, at
\$8.98

75 CLOTH SUITS
Selling to \$16.75, at
\$9.90

50 SERGE DRESSES
Selling at \$12.00. Choice
\$8.98

\$5.00 Bathrobes \$2.98
\$3.00 Serge Skirts \$1.98
\$1.50 House Dresses 98c
75c Aprons 49c
Angora Sets 98c
1000 ODD GARMENTS ON SALE AT 20c ON THE DOLLAR

CHERRY & WEBB
12-13 JOHN STREET

ENGLISH METHOD OF R.R.
CONTROL EXPLAINED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The English method of meeting the transportation crisis by taking over control of the railroads immediately after that country entered the war in 1913 was explained in a speech made in the senate today by Senator Hollis of New Hampshire. This was the first speech to be delivered in the senate on the railroad situation, and in view of President Wilson's address to congress last evening, of railroad legislation which would affect complete government control, members followed Senator Hollis with interest.

Under the English method, Senator Hollis said, the government guaranteed stockholders the same earnings as paid during the year preceding the war, while under a plan of nationalization, the government would increase the rate of living. Strikes, he said, had proved unnecessary and as a result the employees had maintained the good-will of both the public and the government.

"The unions of railway men, through their executive committees," declared Senator Hollis, "have acted throughout the war in a patriotic and reasonable manner, basing their claims to advances in wages or bonuses on the increased cost of living and not on their power to prevent the operation of railroads. They have realized that a strike would be a strike against the nation, not against the companies. They have in this way obtained a very substantial advance in wages, at the same time retaining the good-will of the public generally. There have been no railway strikes in England since the war began. The conduct of the railways and the conduct of the men have been in the public interest with every indication of co-operation and good feeling on both sides. This desirable condition can be attributed to but one cause—that is, the feeling of the men that their sacrifices are made for the public welfare and not to swell the profits of their employers. That this is a sound deduction is plain when we consider the hundreds of strikes in private plants, where profits are not controlled."

The senator said that under the English plan, freight cars were pooled and

TRIPLE COMBINATION
HAS ARRIVED

The White triple combination, pump, hose and ladder, which was ordered in the early part of 1917 by the municipal council for the local fire department, arrived in this city late yesterday afternoon and shortly after its arrival it was given a try-out on some of the streets of the city. As soon as the underwriters are ready the pump will be given a thorough test.

The body and equipment of the machine came from the White Co., while the chassis was supplied by O. E. Kress & Son of Lawrence, where the car was put together. The machine cost the city \$2000 and it was stated that the city of Poughkeepsie offered \$4000 for the same combination. The delay in the delivery of the machine was due to the fact that about 50 per cent of the factory of the White Co. has been commandeered by the United States government.

While the pump of the triple combination was in New York, its waywardness was in New York. It was with one of the ships in the harbor and the pump with other pumps was pressed into service in pumping water from the ship and the unexpected test of 65 hours' duration proved very satisfactory.

The new machine will be placed at Engine Co. No. 6 in Fletcher street, but the old horse-drawn steamer at the engine house will be retained in case of emergency. The old steamer will be equipped with a pole that can be hitched to any automobile fire apparatus and in case of a very big fire it will be pressed into service. The new machine is equipped with twin pneumatic tires for the rear wheels, and is the only motor-driven apparatus in the city with pneumatic tires. It is also equipped with an emergency engine, which can be pressed into service for either operating the machine

WITH THE ARMY
AND NAVY

Dr. Harry H. Sumner of this city has received orders to report to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., on Jan. 17, for duties in the medical reserve corps. Dr. Sumner received his commission as first lieutenant in the medical corps on Aug. 4 and has held himself in readiness since that time for the order which would send him into action. He is at present awaiting instructions from Adj. Gen. McCain of the regular army concerning the date of his departure from this city. Dr. Sumner is well known in Lowell especially in the medical profession. His office is in the Sun building.

Dr. Harold L. Leland, also of this city, has received a commission as first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps and expects to be called to active duty in the near future. Dr. Leland is at present at the Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital in Boston where he is specializing in the contagious disease department. He is the son of the late Dr. C. H. Leland.

More Navy Recruits

Four men were sent to Boston today from the local navy recruiting station. They were Peter A. Beauregard, 29 Taylor avenue, gunner's mate, 3d class; James G. Tansley, No. Chelmsford, apprentice seaman; Alder L. Tessier, 390 Moody street, apprentice seaman; Joseph L. Leclair, 14 West Bowlers street, apprentice seaman. James J. Hancock, 23 Bowden street, a previously served man, also went to Boston this morning with a view to re-entering the service.

Neither the regular army nor British recruiting stations had one recruit to report this noon

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Assoc. Bldg.

An electric and a Ford truck figured in a collision at the Shawmut bridge on the Boston car line last night, but outside of a little smashed glass in the car and some damage to the truck, the loss was slight.

At 10:45 o'clock this morning a telephone alarm summoned a policeman to the fire department to the home of Walter Leighton, 117 Hildreth street, for a small fire caused by the throwing out of frozen pipes under a sink. The damage was slight.

The housekeeper of the Farracut hotel, Mrs. Fannie Bassford, was presented a purse of gold on New Year's day by several of her former boarders and guests. The presentation was made by James Murray and though very much surprised, Mrs. Bassford responded, thanking her friends for their gift.

Two or three freight cars on the Boston & Maine railroad jumped the tracks of the Stony Brook line yesterday afternoon and crashed into some telegraph wires, wrecking two or three poles. The accident happened near North Chelmsford, when one of the brakes on the freight train went out of order. One of the cars was broken.

Rev. Joseph Denis, O.M.I., chaplain of Troop 26, Boy Scouts, was presented a purse of gold by the members of the troop at a recent meeting held in St. Clare's hall, East First street as a token of appreciation for the services rendered the organization during the past year. After receiving the gift, Denis delivered a brief address of thanks and bestowed his benediction upon the boys. An entertainment followed and the serving of luncheon followed.

Lowell observed her first "lightless night" last evening although there was not a total eclipse of display illumination, nevertheless, many of the more prominent electric signs in the city were dimmed and the theatres curtailed on their display lighting to some extent. The White Way lights were as brilliant as ever as this class of illumination has not yet been touched by the orders of the city administrator. The next "lightless night" will be on Sunday.

GOLD WATCH and chain, lady's, lost Friday morning on the car from the Highlands due at the square at 8:47, or between postoffice and 42 Warren st. monogram A. N. T. on watch. Finder please telephone 1123-W or call at 12 Warren st. or 252 Westford st. Reward.

OPPOSITION OF WOMAN
SUFFRAGE HAVE FLOOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Opponents of woman suffrage were given the floor today when the house committee resumed hearings on the proposed suffrage amendment to the constitution to be voted on in the house next Thursday.

Arrangements to hear the anti-suffragists, including officers of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, were made by the committee devoted to arguments in behalf of the amendment presented by members of the National American Woman Suffrage association.

COAST GUARD CREWS FROM LAKE
SUPERIOR ARRIVE AT PORTS-
MOUTH, N. H.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 4.—Forty members of Lake Superior coast guard crews arrived here today to be assigned to salt water stations in the first coast guard district, extending along the Maine and Massachusetts coasts until navigation is reopened on the Great Lakes. This transfer represents an innovation in government policy, men at the lake stations in former years having been on furlough without pay while their stations were out of commission.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW
JULIEN DAOUST CO.
Presents his Stock Company of
French Players in
THE TWO ORPHANS
THE PEARL OF SAVOY
and THE BREAD MAN
Prices.....25c, 50c, 75c

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GLORIOUS FRENCH VICTORY

Again have the French troops covered themselves with glory in their dashing defeat of the Austrian massed forces on Mt. Tomba in Italy. They captured more prisoners than they had men engaged and left 560 men dead on the field while their loss was but 50 men. In this feat of arms, the French have made a new record in the annals of war. The Austrians had not been meeting an enemy trained in the modern art of war as are the French troops. This victory is significant as proving that the Teutonic drive in Italy has not only been stopped but will soon be driven back and overcome.

THE GOVERNOR'S CRITICISM

In his inaugural address Governor McCall pointed out a number of questions with which the legislature will have to deal in the interests of the people; but he very properly insisted that the main thing is to support the government of the nation at war, to economize and conserve the resources of the state so as to be able to render the greatest service with a minimum disturbance to local industries. That everything else is to be subordinated to the necessities of war, is the gist of the governor's message. Touching the question of peace, he claimed that it is better to consider a claim fraudulently made than to run the risk of ignoring an honest proposition of peace. On this line, he threw out what is apparently a veiled criticism of President Wilson when he said:

"When our adversary states particular terms, when he puts himself in the way with us, our thoughts should take some definite shape in response and not phrase themselves in vague, even if noble generalizations, which, however much they may do honor to our most noble and patriotic purposes of the occasion wholly meaningless and negative and carry nothing from one nation to another. If an enemy fairly well tells us what he will give and it is too little, let us tell him what we will accept."

If that criticism is directed at President Wilson, we hold that it is unjust inasmuch as the central powers at no time made any definite statement of peace terms and already they have broken away from that. President Wilson has stated in the most plain and precise language what we are fighting for and on what conditions we shall make peace. There is no room for criticism on that point. As an outline of policy to be followed in the future, the governor's advice is all right, and if he takes an unprejudiced view of President Wilson's utterances on the war, he will not find any justification for this cynical criticism.

DESTROY U-BOAT BASES

While the U-boats keep on sinking the ships of the allied powers without any apparent diminution, there is as yet no effective means of preventing this loss of life and treasure.

The American destroyers joined the British navy in combating the submarines soon after our declaration of war in April and have since been doing good work along the lines adopted for meeting this menace. But still there is little change in the weekly toll demanded by the German submarines. If the allied fleets are sinking more, the Germans must be building more than formerly in order to keep ahead of the game.

Last week there were 23 vessels sunk, eighteen British merchant men of 1600 tons or over, together with three under 1600 tons. The record is slightly below that of some other weeks, yet perhaps above the average.

It is very plain that no effective plan of defeating the submarine has yet been discovered. There is talk of what might be done, of methods evolved by various inventors, but with the exception of the depth bombs and the smoke screen, a runaway makeshift, there is not a scheme yet evolved that is worthy of adoption.

The question arises then, is this desultory warfare on the high seas to go on until the end of the war? It would really appear so, inasmuch as we are told by men in authority that the only way the U-boats can be overcome is by building ships faster than the submarines can sink them. That is a weak and cowardly method of fighting the submarines.

Indeed it is not fighting them at all. It is, on the contrary a method of lying down before them.

Why should this be so? The submarines must have bases. They must come out of the Kiel canal or from a base on the German coast between Rindeln and Cuxhaven, probably from the intervening part of Wilhelmshaven or from Helgoland, the island off the coast opposite the mouth of the Kiel canal.

It is known to the Allies where the submarines are built. Why not destroy that factory? The new "subs" must pass out to sea by the open and direct route. They have never been molested or attacked in that route. Why? Where are the submarines of the Allies? Why cannot the submarines of the latter embark upon a campaign of destruction of the German submarines when leaving their bases? These are confined to a narrow channel before they get out of the North sea. Why not catch them there and dispose of them before they get out into the open ocean?

It seems to be high time to attempt something of this kind. It might be said that the undertaking would be

perilous inasmuch as the water there is thickly strewn with mines. As the German submarines can pass out and in it must be within the range of possibility for other submarines to do the same.

If there is any possibility of a submarine detective, a small submarine with eyes below the surface, then it seems Yankee genius should furnish it.

We have been boasting of what this son, John Hays Hammond and other inventors would do. Well, they have had a chance to show some effective device for lighting the submarines, but they have as yet produced nothing practical.

In ingenuity and daring, Germany is outwitting the allied powers including the United States, and there seems to be no prospect of a change in the situation unless it be planned to attack the submarine bases.

Germany has her grand fleet in hiding in the Kiel canal awaiting the time when the submarines will have broken England's sea power, hoping then to come out in the open, defeat the remnant of the British navy and capture the city of London.

Doubtless that was the Kaiser's original intention and he might have come very near its realization but for the entrance of the United States to the conflict.

Germany may be balked in her original design of smothering England's supremacy at sea, but thus far the British navy has not made any attempt to follow up the German warships and destroy them in their hiding places. That this will be attempted is improbable. That it will not, will stand as a stigma to British naval prowess.

It is hinted that after America gets into the fray, the Allies will have such supremacy in the air that they will attack the submarine bases and destroy them. That work should be done by the allied submarines and destroyers rather than by the aircraft.

You May Find It In Stocking

Cincinnati authority says your troublesome corns just loosen and fall off

Sore corns, hard corns, soft corns or corns between the toes just loosen in their sockets and fall off the next day if you will apply directly upon the corn a few drops of a drug called freezone, says a Cincinnati authority.

You merely put a drop or two of this freezone on the tender, touchy corn today and instantly the corn stops hurting, then tomorrow sometime you may find the old torturous pest somewhere in your stocking, having fallen off entirely without a particle of soreness, pain or irritation. The skin surrounding and beneath the former corn will be as healthy, pink and smooth as the palm of your hand.

A quarter ounce of freezone is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn and callus, and any druggist will charge but a few cents for it. It is a compound made from ether.

Moreover, Germany has been raiding the British coast at frequent intervals. Is it not possible for England to raid the part of the German coast that is equally open to the sea? It would be too hazardous to attempt to enter the Baltic by the Skagerrack and Cattegat, but this is not necessary. In all probability the chief submarine bases are on the North sea front. If the submarine menace were stopped, the war would be quickly ended. Why there has been no attempt to reach these murdering sea monsters in their lair is a puzzle even to fairly intelligent men who realize that there are difficulties such as mines to be overcome. But the world that has suffered so much and lost so much, would like to see such an attempt made.

It might be costly, but even so, would it not pay in the long run if done with proper force and well laid strategy.

If there is no other way of beating the submarines, it is up to the Allies and particularly to England, which suffers most from their attacks, to go after them, destroy their bases and even the factories in which they are built, and keep up the work until the pet scheme of Admiral Von Tirpitz for unrestricted submarine frightfulness shall have been effectually defeated.

SEEN AND HEARD

The height of absurdity—Some women's French heels.

A contented man is one who has everything he wants, and wants everything he has.

It is all right to conserve food by eating corn if we don't dine too often with the "chickens."

At this season of the year running the lawn mower seems much easier than toiling with the snow shovel.

The poet who always waits for inspiration before he writes isn't likely to inflict much poetry on a patient and long-suffering world.

The man who makes it a rule always to throw circulars in the waste basket unread misuses a good many opportunities and some interesting things.

A Boy With a Future
Ellis Perrier Blister, the 17-fishing expert, said at a banquet:

"The prime virtue of a good angler is patience. No man or boy ever developed into a successful fisherman who hadn't at least twice the patience of Job."

"There's a boy in Shawnee who is going to make a champion one of these days. I saw him fishing the other afternoon on the bank of a creek and I said to him: 'What are you fishing for, son?' 'Snails,' said he. 'What are snails?' said I. 'I dunno,' said the boy. 'I ain't never caught none yet,' was his answer."

A Puzzled Butcher

In an East Cleveland meat shop we interviewed our favorite butcher on the subject of conservation, economy and such like. He said, in part:

"There's some of this war-time economy that I don't seem to be able to understand. Now there's the subject of lamb chops. For instance, a big bunch of my women customers have lately impressed their consciences with the resolve to buy no lamb chops, because if lambs aren't killed they will grow up to sheep. Now, that's all right, and I'm for 'em. But what do you think they buy instead of lamb chops? Leg of lamb!"

"I'm not kidding. Of every lamb we get we sell the legs and the shoulders immediately, but have the chops left on our hands. The women seem to think that the chops are what grow and become mutton."

The butcher was in earnest and we have no reason to doubt his story.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Man and Maid at the Movies

At the happy hour over in Rockland the other evening a young man and maid came in late. Far over in an obscure corner they took seats. A



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sparkle in the darkness attracted the attention of the Independent's Chatelaine. It was his gift to her—a diamond ring. The girl inspected it thoroughly with the boy's assistance. Then another sparkle drew the observer's eyes to the couple. It was a safety razor, one of those finely nicked designs—her gift to him. He studied the mechanism from the side, the front, the rear, backwards and forwards, and then the razor blades were unwrapped and claimed his attention. He did everything but shave with the outfit. The presents finally lost their interest, then his arm boldly encircled the young lady's neck and there they sat through-out the performance, the gift sparklers matched by their eyes. And all the time an exciting five-reeler was being unwound for the delectation of the rest of the audience, those not in the vicinity of the side attraction. And not once did the couple look at the pictures, which set the observer wondering why they should pay 34 cents to come in there to inspect their Christmas gifts.

Aspiration
Fame called him loudly, but he never heard:
Wealth beckoned, but his drowsy eyes were blind:
Love whispered softly, "Seek and you shall find:
The golden goal," but lo, he scarcely stirred:
His mind was mazed with dreams, his vision blurred:
With cloudy, formless thoughts, but half-divined:
His work lay unattended, undesignated:
Awaiting inspiration's magic word!

Then came a figure, ugly, scowling, drear,
And scoured this dreamer till his task he sought:
And toiled, in mingled wonder, pain and fear,
Till in good time a masterpiece was wrought:
For inspiration had brought this to be:
Under the mask of grim necessity!
—Berton Braley.

Bridge Haunted Lady Tank
Britannia, the female but not lady-like tank which has demonstrated her versatility by striding the Fritzes in Plunders, selling Liberty bonds in the Fifth Avenue parade and educating the Taphank Bennies, cannot do everything.



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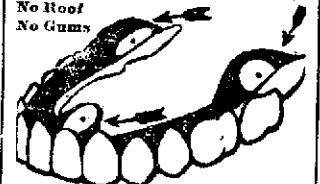
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and at Yaphank went over thick trees like a hippopotamus trampling weeds, and even negotiated the streets of Manhattan. But there are limits. Brooklyn and Queens were too much for her.

Near the Brooklyn navy yard she fell from a freight car the other day and "suffered contusions about the face and body," as the police slips put it. Receiving first aid, she made her way to Queens.

She tumbled along, giving Long Island City a thrill until she reached the Queensboro bridge approach. Then she stuck, grunting and straining. No use, she couldn't make the grade which has daunted many a motorist. Finally a number of motor trucks gave her

a tow, and weeping oily tears of impotent mortification and shame she was brought to New York for repairs.

SOCIETY GIRL WHO BRAVED BOMBS

Miss Stevens of Newport, R. I., and New Jersey, has just returned from her work as a nurse in the American hospital in France. The girl, a member



ELSIE STEVENS

of one of the most prominent New Jersey families, won high praise for her daring and bravery in working fearlessly in zones within range of the Boche artillery and bombs.

"Better Than Worm Tablets"

Some people who are troubled with worms, or whose children sometimes suffer that way, try to get rid of the trouble by using worm tablets, worm lozenges or worm candy. They fail to get the quick results that can be obtained with Dr. True's Elfix, the family laxative and worm expeller.

In fact, Dr. True's Elfix, a liquid medicine, is positively better than any worm tablets, worm lozenges or worm candy. There is no remedy that can compare with Dr. True's Elfix for quickly expelling worms, whether they are stomach worms or pin worms.

Besides that, your stomach is toned up and normal action of the bowels is restored when you take Dr. True's Elfix. It is a doctor's preparation, originated by Dr. True and on the market more than 60 years.

Dr. True's Elfix, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, pleasantly makes you feel much better. Remember this when you or your children are troubled with worms. Don't take those worm lozenges, tablets or candy that may upset you, but use Dr. True's Elfix; that tones and restores stomach and bowels and expels worms.

Lots of people have worms and don't know it! Most all children have worms.

Dr. J. C. True, Lowell, Mass.

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SHALL UNITED STATES LOWER BARS TO MEXICAN AND COOLIE?

Special to The Sun
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan.—Shall special immigration of foreign labor solve America's war production problems?

Two current events have combined to start discussion along the Pacific coast of this new angle to the war labor problem. And western employers and labor leaders unite in saying that congress will soon have to face an emergency solution.

The occurrences bringing the suggestion of alien workers sharply into the foreground are:

(1)—A plea made to the California railroad commission by H. B. Titterton, maintenance expert of the Southern Pacific lines, who says: "If America's trains are to be kept on schedule the immigration literacy test must be suspended, at least temporarily, to permit an influx of Mexican labor to care for road beds."

(2)—A report brought to San Francisco by J. S. Pearson from Shanghai that thousands of Chinese agricultural laborers are eager to come to the Pacific coast to work on American farms as a war emergency measure.

While American youth by thousands are shouldering rifles, they are leaving the farms and industry in the west with an acute need for men to wield the shovel and the hoe.

Practically all the manual labor of the Pacific coast was once performed by Chinese labor. But they have been excluded since 1873. And these already in the country have percolated into other lines of toil until today the supply of Chinese labor has dwindled to a negligible quantity.

When the European war broke out it was estimated there were over 800,000 Mexican laborers in California, Arizona and New Mexico. This number has been reduced by over 40 per cent due to clever propaganda, ascribed to Germans, which frightened them back across the border.

They are prevented from returning by the literacy test, which contrary to popular impression, requires that the immigrant must be literate in his own language. In addition he must pay a head tax of \$3.

Here, then, is the labor situation in the west today.

War's demand calls for a doubling of production in all lines.

Simultaneously, army volunteering and selective service depletes the ranks of labor.

Chinese as manual laborers are experienced waitresses wanted at once at D. L. Page Co. Apply to Mr. Cole.

excluded.

Mexicans, formerly the great reliance for railroad labor, grading and construction, as well as in the big sugar beet ranches and fields in the coast states are as rigidly excluded, practically by the new literacy test.

There are, however, held some 65,000 Mexicans in California alone and an estimated additional number of 100,000 in New Mexico and Arizona.

The Pacific coast is sharply cleft on the issue. Organized labor professes to oppose in coasts importation the degradation of American workmen to Oriental levels and the creation of an industrial Frankenstein, while thousands of farmers and orchardists are insisting that only by such importation can the west perform its part in the war.

California's state labor commission, after a survey of the situation, declares that the need for farm workers this past season was greatly exaggerated. Certain farmers' organizations have been accused of using patriotism as a cloak for opportunity to break down prevailing wage scales.

Thousands of high school boys during the past season aided in gathering the crops in California and adjacent states.

McCormick told the railroad commission that the Southern Pacific alone needs about 3000 laborers which it can't get. Other industries make the same point.

The north met its labor needs in part by importing negroes from the south.

Shall equally pressing needs of the west be met by lowering the bars to orientals and Mexicans?

Or would this course bring worse threats and penalties than those that faced up in the deadly race riots of East St. Louis and elsewhere?

WAITING AT THE DOOR
Typical Mexican laborer who, prior to the war, bore the burden of hardest manual labor in the west and for whose free admission into the United States big industrial concerns are now asking the government to suspend the immigration literacy test.

There are now an estimated 200,000 of them in the Pacific states.

Shall he, together with the Chinese coolie, be permitted to come in by herds to take the place of American men leaving for the fighting front?

The Core of the Situation
The government is preparing to make a nation-wide survey of facts

relating to the need and supply of labor.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire has introduced a bill providing for transportation of Chinese during the period of the war, Japan, keeping her coolers out of America under the "gentlemen's agreement," would undoubtedly regard it as a breach of faith if Chinese were permitted to come into the United States.

Labor conditions in the west have been reported by President Wilson by his special industrial mediation commission.

Labor and capital both accused of making extravagant statements based on considerations other than fact.

Lack of shipping would practically prevent importation of large bodies of coolies, even if exclusion laws were amended.

California ranchers who cried loudly of labor shortage now boast of harvesting largest crops on record in shortest time.

New immigration law already suspended in one instance to permit Mexicans to enter California for agricultural purposes.

GERMANS HONOR FRENCH AVIATOR

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The most moving story of the war is printed in Public Opinion. It is a description of a tribute paid by German aviators to the great French aviator, Geymeyer, who was killed in an air battle behind the German lines.

The story is as follows:

The Cavalry of the Air
"The disappearance of Geymeyer was made known throughout the whole of the French air service, but no news of his death was to hand until on one of the French aeroplanes a German aeroplane dropped a package. This package contained a uniform, pocket case and a letter. The uniform, which was bloodstained, belonged to the heroic and unfortunate aviator.

"In the pocket case were blank notes. The letter came from the commander of the German aviation corps on the western front. It contained an invitation to the French aviation corps to come and assist at the obsequies of Geymeyer. The most complete security and absolute liberty of passage over the lines of fire were guaranteed, both for the journey out and return. It was expressly stated that the French aviators could fly close to the ground. No shot would be fired.

"On the day fixed, at dawn, 15 French aviators, an entire squadron, with a captain at the head, traversed the enemy lines and made for the place indicated in the letter of invitation.

Almost snowed under but still in the game, Corp. Bill Looney writes a characteristic letter from Charlotte, N. C., in which were enclosed a few winter scenes snapped at camp. One represents Sergt. George Toye and himself on either end of a huge cross-saw sawing wood, with Sergt. Elie Hart, Joe Perkins and some other Lowell soldiers superintending the job. The other pictures how the tents covered with snow. Hark to Sergt. Bill:

December 31, 1917.
Fren Jem—Toes a long time before I write las. But I have ben very busy. A lot of time was a box on how I learn French quick. So I guess I do pretty good, ain't it?

We are now located in Camp No. 4 and we had some winter getting here. We have had some regular northern weather, plenty of snow and very cold weather. The roads were so slippery

that the mules couldn't haul the wagon, so they had the band get long ropes and sticks and pull the load a la Butler Vets on parade. We had to make two trips and the distance was two miles each way. So you can rest assured we went in bed early that night and it was bitter cold. Some of the boys have taken snap-shots of the snow scenes. Enclosed please find a few snap-shots of our winter quarters. Say, Jim, if you have any time will you kindly look for the relatives of the men who wrote those songs

about the "Sunny South." The band will furnish music free for the funeral.

This has been the coldest December here in 37 years. We go to bed with everything on but our hats. It is amusing to see some of the boys working the cross-cut saw. When Sergt. George Toye starts his morning exercise, that is a signal for a cheer. George is a good lawyer, but a better sawyer. The boys are getting to be regular acrobats, for they do the split with the axe.

The band boys were well remembered by their friends at home on Christmas. Sergt. Fred Campbell of our company received a beautiful linen bathing suit. Sergt. Charlie Starkevant, a dandy hair brush and mirror. Sergt. Joe Perkins, a most beautiful set of side combs. H. McKinley, a mustache compound. H. Girard, a pair of skates. The Barbara union sent Corp. G. Courtland letters of appreciation.

Lowell lodge of Elks sent a box to each of the Elks in the band, Z. I. Bissonnette, A. W. Churchill and myself, and we wish to thank the lodge for its thoughtfulness. We had a fine turkey dinner on Christmas day. We have been receiving boxes and bundles every day and our tent has had roast chickens, home cakes and pies of every description, and last but not least, home-made piecilli. Fred Balcom of Lowell sent Sergt. Baker a well-filled box, and as we were invited to partake of its contents, we also wish to thank Mr. Balcom for his kindness. The pictures enclosed were taken in camp after his Christmas vacation. Well, Jim, it is my turn to saw wood, so I will be obliged to finish this letter. The boys extend a very happy New Year in all their love and friendship, especially to those who so kindly remembered them at Christmas. The pictures enclosed were taken and finished by Bert Williams of the band.

Tours to the Sunny South? 22 Corp. Bill, 5th Regt. band.

Fireman Jimmie Doyle
Fireman James T. Doyle of the High Street Engine company, having secured leave of absence from the department, is now serving as a fireman for the Ley Construction company at Bristol, Pa., where that company is now building great shipyards. The Ley company constructed the cantonment at Ayer and Mr. Doyle spent several weeks as a member of the fire department at Ayer until the drafted men were sent to Bristol, where the Ley company upon going to Bristol, selected the cream of its employees and took them along where they are now located, and Mr. Doyle went along to serve as a member of the fire department. Charles "Teenie" Hemmen, of this city, is head time-keeper for the Ley company at Bristol, and a number of other Lowell men have positions of responsibility there. On December 27, Fireman Doyle wrote from the ramp of the Trenton lodge of Elks as follows:

Friend Jim—Just a few lines to let you know that I am still plugging away in the shipyards at Bristol. I came over here to Trenton and had a fine Christmas dinner. There are a fine bunch of fellows in this lodge. Bristol is on the banks of the Delaware river, opposite Trenton, about 18 miles from Philadelphia. I expect to be here some weeks. We do patrol duty along the banks of the Delaware in addition to our work as firemen, and I like it well. Give my regards to Jack and Jim Shea and extend a happy New Year to all my Lowell friends.

Your friend,
James T. Doyle,
Care of P. T. Ley & Co. (Fire Department), Bristol, Pa.

CROWDED TROLLEY HANGS ON EDGE OF BRIDGE AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 4.—Refueling on the edge of the bridge over the

The Surprise of the Season SUITS at \$15 COATS \$15 DRESSES \$15

The suit sale, starting Wednesday, was such a monster success that we decided to add Coats and Dresses for Saturday's selling. Garments selling to \$45.00 at \$15.00.



A most wonderful assortment. Don't delay. War will be over before such values can be duplicated again. Every sale a loss to us and a gain to you.

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Fireman James T. Doyle of the High Street Engine company, having secured leave of absence from the department, is now serving as a fireman for the Ley Construction company at Bristol, Pa., where that company is now building great shipyards. The Ley company constructed the cantonment at Ayer and Mr. Doyle spent several weeks as a member of the fire department at Ayer until the drafted men were sent to Bristol, where the Ley company upon going to Bristol, selected the cream of its employees and took them along where they are now located, and Mr. Doyle went along to serve as a member of the fire department. Charles "Teenie" Hemmen, of this city, is head time-keeper for the Ley company at Bristol, and a number of other Lowell men have positions of responsibility there. On December 27, Fireman Doyle wrote from the ramp of the Trenton lodge of Elks as follows:

Friend Jim—Just a few lines to let you know that I am still plugging away in the shipyards at Bristol. I came over here to Trenton and had a fine Christmas dinner. There are a fine bunch of fellows in this lodge. Bristol is on the banks of the Delaware river, opposite Trenton, about 18 miles from Philadelphia. I expect to be here some weeks. We do patrol duty along the banks of the Delaware in addition to our work as firemen, and I like it well. Give my regards to Jack and Jim Shea and extend a happy New Year to all my Lowell friends.

Your friend,
James T. Doyle,
Care of P. T. Ley & Co. (Fire Department), Bristol, Pa.

CROWDED TROLLEY HANGS ON EDGE OF BRIDGE AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 4.—Refueling on the edge of the bridge over the

railroad tracks at the foot of High st. a crowded trolley car stopped at 6.50 last night, a few feet short of a 30-foot drop.

Charles H. Checkland of South Portland, foreman of the Lehigh Coal company here, was taken to a hospital with serious cuts about the legs and body and several others were injured by diving glass. Slippery rails caused the car to leave the iron.

FORMER BOSTON LETTER CARRIER
ACCUSED OF PRO-GERMANISM
AT DENVER

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 4.—Perley Doe, 35, formerly a letter carrier of Boston, indicted by a federal grand jury here Saturday, was arrested yesterday at his home, 334 South Pearl street. He was jailed following an unsuccessful effort to furnish a bond of \$5000.

The indictment charges Doe with circulating through the mails and otherwise, untruthful accounts of speeches by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, and seeking to discourage enlistment and recruiting.

According to the district attorney an investigation lasting three months disclosed that Doe circulated his alleged pro-German literature in the form of "endless chain" letters and has admitted having mailed the propaganda to professors of universities and colleges, Washington officials and others.

Doe came here with his wife last February to obtain treatment for tuberculosis.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Perley Doe, employed as a letter carrier here in 1915 and 1916, lived at 26 Mill street. Arlington. Little is known of him in Arlington. His neighbors said he was about 47 years old and kept very much to himself.

COAL RIOTS IN PHILADELPHIA—
OVER 150 TONS OF COAL
STOLEN BY RAIDERS

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—Coal riots, which began here Wednesday, were resumed yesterday when several hundred men, women and children raided cars on a Pennsylvania railroad siding and stole more than 150 tons of anthracite. Railroad detectives were powerless before the women, who risked their lives when an attempt was made to move eight of the fuel laden cars.

For three hours the raiders carried off coal in buckets and pails and could not be dispersed until a riot call brought a detail of police, who arrested the ringleaders.

FIGHTING ON CAMBRIAL FRONT
LONDON, Jan. 4.—Local fighting took place yesterday afternoon on the Cambrai front in the neighborhood of the Canal du Nord, without producing any material change in the situation. The war office reports, "We advanced our line slightly during the night south of Lens."

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FRESH DAILY
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35c SIRLOIN ROASTS28c lb.
40c SIRLOIN STEAK35c lb.
33c FAT SALT PORK23c lb.

7c WHITE FLOATING SOAP (100 per cent pure)....6 for 25c
5c WASHING SOAP9 Bars 25c
35c SWEETENED COCOA29c lb.
13c CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP10c
13c MUELLER'S MACARONI10c
10c ELGIN CREAMERY BUTTER48c lb.

15c SHORE LADDOCK20c lb.
35c SLICED HALIBUT30c lb.
35c FANCY RMD SALMON30c lb.
25c STEAK CODFISH20c lb.
25c STEAK BLUEFISH20c lb.

10c JUICY GRAPEFRUIT3 for 20c
15c CUCUMBERS10c each

65c SWISS CHEESE59c lb.
25c LIEBER. KRANTZ21c pkg.

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FIRST AMERICAN SHOT AT GERMAN SUB

Matthew C. Sullivan, "Sailor of Fortune," is broke, but rich in memories. It was Matt's eagle eye and timely shout of warning that sent America's first shot of the war smashing into the conning tower of an enemy U-boat.

Matt landed in Seattle the other day from Kobe, Japan, after a globe-circling tour as a seaman. All he had in money was an American nickel, a



Chinese nickel and two American pennies.

Sullivan was the lookout on duty on the steamship Mongolia, which, after his cry of warning, with a single shot sank a German submarine in the English channel.

"We were about 40 miles out from Dover when I sighted the submarine," said Sullivan. "I shouted to the officer on the bridge and the order to fire was given. There was nothing to it. That one shell did the business for the U-boat."

THE LATEST TARGET OF DYNAMITERS

Governor William D. Stephens of California, intended victim of what is believed the latest outburst of pro-German frightfulness, narrowly escaped injury and perhaps death when the executive mansion at Sacramento was partially destroyed by dynamite



on Dec. 18. The attack occurred shortly after Gov. Stephens' return from Los Angeles where he had delivered several speeches admonishing the public not to be too tolerant with enemy aliens. Governor and Mrs. Stephens were asleep just above the point where the explosion occurred, but were unhurt.

SERGT. PETRIE REPORTS TO MAYOR O'DONNELL

A full and complete report of the work performed by the members of the vice squad in charge of Sgt. David Petrie has been submitted to Mayor James E. O'Donnell by the sergeant, and the report shows that the squad has been very active since it

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"OH, GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY? OH DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING?" If General Sherman had ever seen those western girls over whose cheeks the sunsets of the Golden Gate have cast an unending glow, he never would have said what he did say about war. The young infantry lieutenant here shown at the mercy of a bevy of San Francisco beauties says it is easy to face the powder when the powder powders the face.

was appointed by the mayor Oct. 12 last.

In his report Sgt. Petrie states that in eight instances he took a personal interest in girls who were leading an undesirable life, and secured them work. Forty-two men were arrested for delivering liquor to soldiers and 19 others were brought into the United States courts for aiding and abetting in the purchase of liquor to be given to soldiers. Five people were arrested for illegally keeping liquor and five for illegal sales. The proprietors of 15 licensed places were brought before the license commissioners for alleged violations, while a record of other cases is as follows: Number of lewd and lascivious women brought before the court, 16; number of girls leading idle and vicious lives brought before the court, six; number brought before the court for lewd and lascivious cohabitation, two; adultery cases brought before the court, two; number of fornication cases brought into court, four; one rape case was brought into court; 30 women were taken to the station and there warned to lead better lives, and 23 were warned on the streets; 10 girls were sent home to their parents.

Sixty-eight men were arrested for being present where gaming implements were found, and three men were brought into court for keeping gaming resorts.

CAPT. FULLER APPOINTED
CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 4.—Capt. R. G. Fuller, adjutant of the Harvard university reserve officers' training corps, has received an appointment to the intercollegiate intelligence bureau at Washington. Capt. Fuller in his new position will assist in the placement of college graduates in government positions where they are needed.

MOVE TO MAKE BUELOW GERMAN CHANCELLOR

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam gives a Berlin report that Count von Hertling, the Imperial German chancellor, is indisposed.

The correspondent adds that a rumor in political circles is that there is a possibility of Count von Hertling's resignation on the ground of ill health in order to make way for Prince von Buelow again taking up the post of Imperial chancellor.

A dispatch from Copenhagen Nov. 16 said the German crown prince recently had a long conference with Prince von Buelow, visiting the hotel in Berlin where Prince von Buelow was stopping.

The dispatch added that all the Berlin newspapers referred to the meeting and some of them called attention to the fact that Prince von Buelow had been believed to be in accord with the views of the crown prince regarding the war, while von Hertling is known to be an exponent of the policy to which the crown prince is opposed.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Industry council, 1122, Royal Arcanum, held its regular meeting last evening at Odd Fellows hall. One application for membership was read and one candidate initiated. The treasurer reported the payment of \$1000 to the beneficiary of the late Brother Hugh McLarny. Under the order of new business, several matters of importance were discussed and adopted. At the next meeting of the council the newly elected officers will be installed.

Grand Chaplain John T. Priory of Boston will officiate as the installing officer. The entertainment committee has arranged a special program for that evening and a large attendance of members is expected to attend. Under the good of the order interesting remarks were made by Past Regents Dr. A. Clark and James W. McKenna. At Hugh Walker, Harvey J. Chase, Neil the close of the meeting an interesting card party was held, with suitable prizes being awarded to the winners.

At a meeting of the Centralville Social club held Wednesday evening at the clubhouse in Lakeview avenue, the following officers, elected at a previous meeting, were installed: President, J. A. Trudel; vice president, Wilfred Barre; recording secretary, Oliver Ducharme; financial secretary, Ferdinand Lusier; treasurer, Alfred Jemmery; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Therien; directors, Alberic Branchaud, Leo Kennebec, Leo St. George and Narcisse Gadbois.

Secretary Omer Ducharme was the installing officer. Refreshments were served and a social time followed. It was also decided to have another apple party next Wednesday night to which the members may bring their friends.

Mary E. Smith Tent 23, D. of V., held its regular meeting last evening. An invitation from Mary Elizabeth Taylor tent of Haverhill to attend its installation Jan. 14, was received and accepted, and it is expected that a large delegation will attend.

Court St. Paul of the Catholic Foresters met last night at the C.M.A.C. in regular session with Chief Ranger John Pinault in the chair. Three applications for membership were received.

A feature of last evening's meeting of the Pawtucket Social club was the installation of officers, which was followed by a social hour during which an entertainment program was

SHE SWAM IN TWO SUPPOSED PAUPER LEFT SEAS IN ONE DAY

Last New Year's morning Marie Dierkes took a dip in the Atlantic near Colon. Then she boarded the 11 o'clock train and in the afternoon frolicked in the surf at Panama, on the Pacific



side. While she didn't find much difference in the water she commends the stunt to any who wish to get a good deal of their year's bathing out of their systems at one time.

given and refreshments were served. The meeting was presided over by President Oliver Poirier, while Wilbrod Sawyer presided over the installation, assisted by Alfred Beauchene.

The officers inducted into office were as follows: President, Oliver Poirier; vice president, Albert Lemay; recording secretary, Joseph Sawyer; assistant recording secretary, Raoul Matte; treasurer, Joseph Payette; assistant treasurer, Joseph Charbonneau; sergeant-at-arms, Henry Cellinas; master of ceremonies, Wilbrod Sawyer; assistant master of ceremonies, Alfred Beauchene.

BARBERS' UNION

A largely attended meeting of the Barbers' union, Local 323, was held last evening with President John B. Curtin in the chair. A feature of the business session was the installation of officers, the following being inducted into office: John B. Curtin, president; Andrew Burns, Jr., vice president; Martin J. Hoar, corresponding and financial secretary; Charles A. Burns, treasurer, and Edouard Deslandes, recording secretary. At the close of the business session a social hour was held during which an entertainment program was given by James Wood, James Morrison, Robert Vollett, Jeremiah White and John Bernier.

OVER \$250,000

DENVER, Jan. 4.—John Knowles, 67, friendless and apparently a pauper, who died in the county hospital five days before Christmas, possessed a fortune of between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

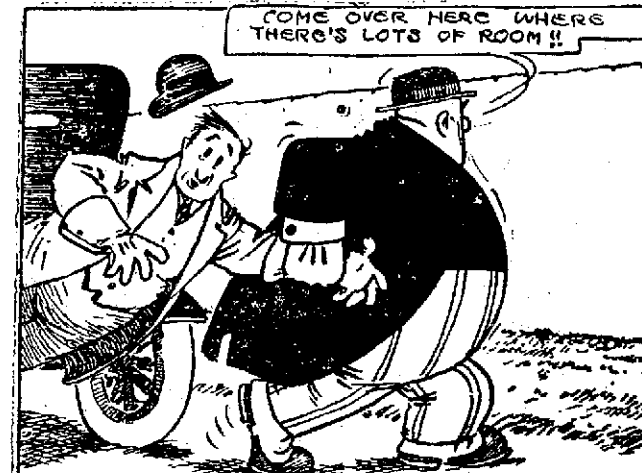
It became known yesterday that Knowles was the owner of valuable real estate in the heart of the Denver business section and in the residential districts, also that he owned a considerable amount of railroad securities. Local attorneys are now in communication by mail and wire with A. H. White, an attorney of Manchester, N. H., in an effort to locate the heirs to the estate. His only relatives are a few cousins and nephews, living in New England.

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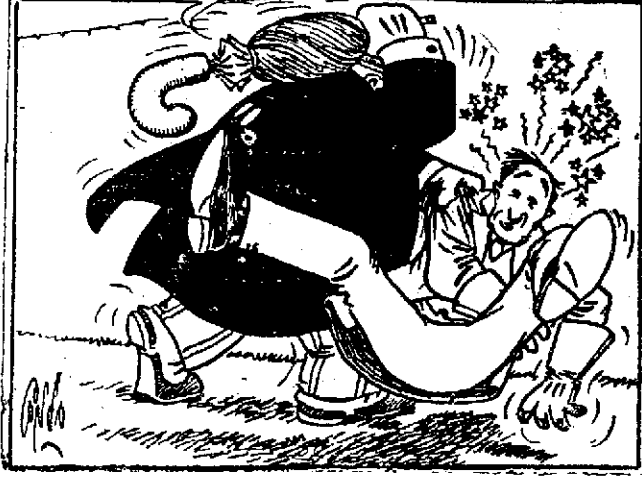
ENLISTMENTS BRISK AT BOSTON
BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Enlistments have been brisk at the local recruiting stations since New Year's day. Scores of recruits have been accepted for the army, navy and marine corps. Lieut. Lester Watson, chief of aeronautics at the headquarters of the department of the northeast, said today that more men were wanted in the aviation section as fliers and balloon pilots.

This is "Quarter Week" at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

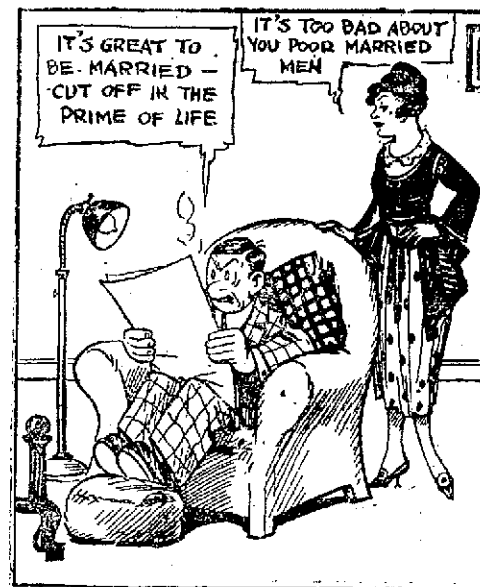
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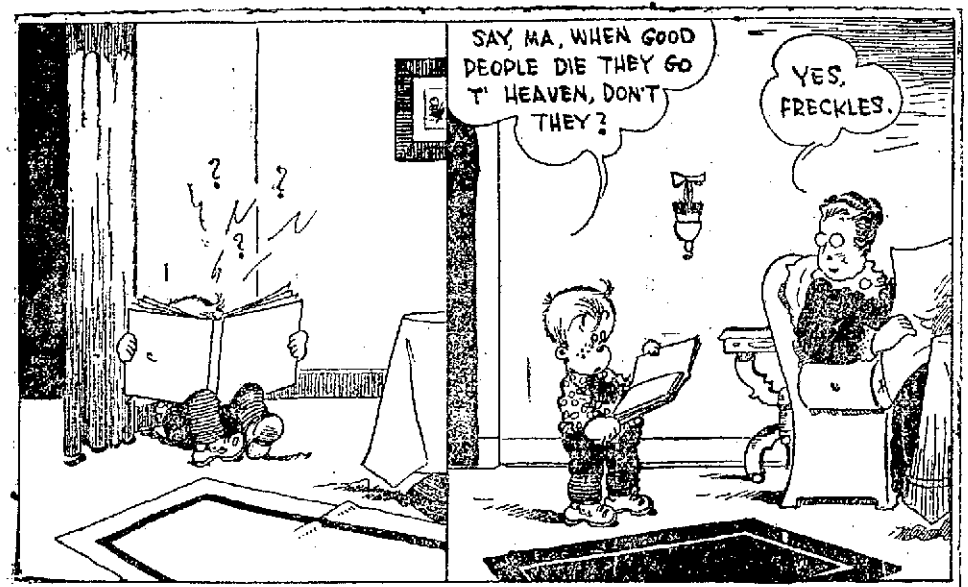
YOU HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST SPEED MANIAC TO RECEIVE TREATMENT WITH THIS UMBRELLA WHICH I HAD MADE SPECIALLY FOR YOUR TRIBE. I THINK ONE DOSE WILL BE ENOUGH, SO I DON'T LOOK FOR ANY RELAPSE!!!



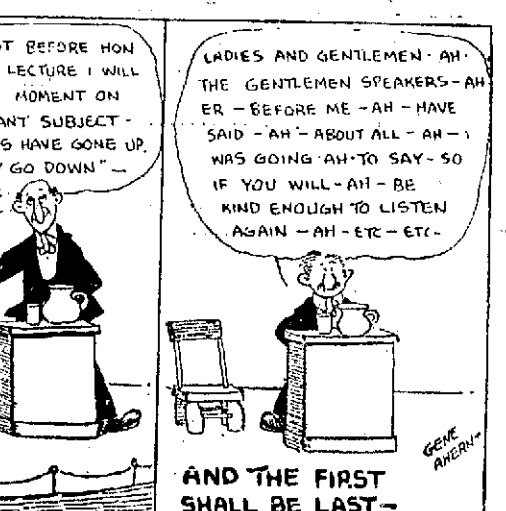
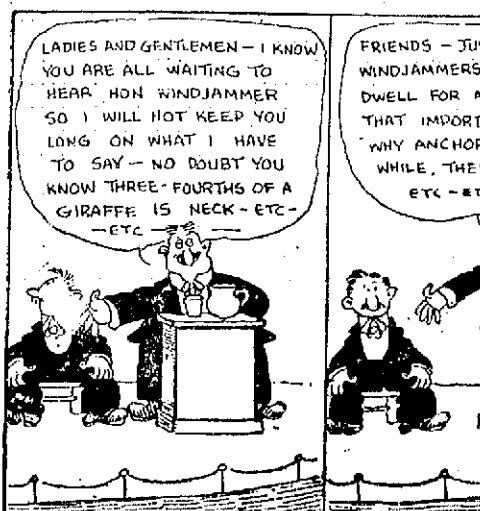
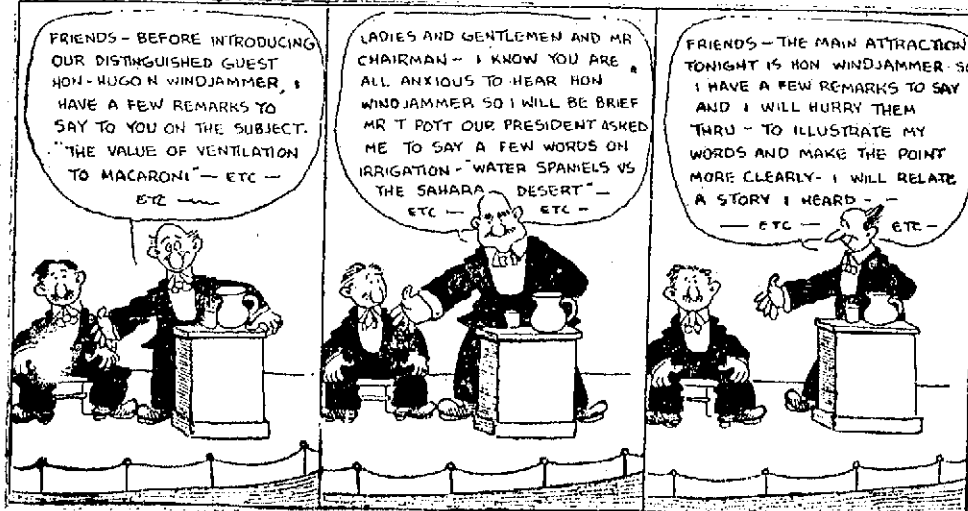
IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST OF FAMILIES



FRECKLES SHOULD BE SPANKED—FOR THIS



WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO STAY IF THE PRELIMINARIES CAME AFTER THE MAIN BOAT



SCHOOLS AT DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Brig. Gen. John A. Johnston, commander of the department of the northeast, has received offers placing a number of New England trade schools and schools of practical arts at the disposal of the government in its plans for rehabilitating wounded soldiers for vocational usefulness. He has forwarded to the adjutant general at Washington such an offer from the Rhode Island school of design.

CONSERVATION OF COAL
The Beaver Brook and Merrimack Woolen mills of Braintree have been notified by the company which furnishes them coal to conserve the present supply of fuel as much as possible, for the situation has become very acute. The report of large shipments of coal to the New England section may help to relieve the present outlook, but the dealers hold out no promise as to what the future may have in store along this line.



SPECIAL BIG NEW YEAR BILL
Matinee 2—TODAY—Evening 7:30

MAY TULLY PRESENTS
"Mrs. Ritter Appears"
A Comedy by George Kelley

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CORP. BILL DUGGAN IS A GREAT SHOT

Corp. Bill Duggan, now stationed at Camp Devens, who will play second rush for the Lawrence polo team, in the game with Lowell at the Rollaway tonight has a great eye for the cage and if he is as proficient with the rifle as he is with the stick the kaiser will better watch out. Duggan is without doubt one of the most accurate shooters in the league. When he gets hold of the rifle and gives it a clout the little "apple" invariably hits the bull's eye. As for speed and endurance, none in the business has anything on the soldier-player. He's like a flash, and has the power of maintaining this wonderful speed throughout the three periods. Duggan, however, is not the only star on the downriver team. Capt. Hardy, Slater and Ryan are among the league's leaders at the respective positions and Elmont at goal is the league's most successful man at that position. Lowell will present the same strong and effective lineup, which up to date has been good enough to keep the team at the top of the heap. The game will start at 8:30 o'clock.

POLO LEAGUE STANDING			
Lowell	Won	Lost	P.C.
Providence	17	10	63.0
Lewiston	15	11	57.7
Lawrence	14	14	50.0
Worcester	12	14	46.1
Portland	11	13	45.8

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9th Episode of
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with Marie Walcamp in this part,
"A VOICE FROM THE DEAD"

6th Episode of
"THE HIDDEN HAND"

with Doris Kenyon in this part of the story,
"THE FLOWER OF DEATH"

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CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "THE ADVENTURER"

The funniest picture yet. See him as an escaped convict, and how he wins freedom in society life. Ha! Ha! Ha!

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Game called at 8:30. Jesse Burkett will referee.

ROLLER POLO RESULTS
Lewiston 6, Worcester 5.

POLO NOTES
Jesse Burkett, hero of a "thousand baseball battles," will referee tonight's Lowell-Lawrence polo game.

A team from Lawrence will meet the Lowell live wires before tonight's big game.

Jimmy Cameron of the Portland team is the best scoring halfback in the league, having caged the ball nine times to date.

It's too bad that the seating capacity at the armory is not larger. The fans are turning out in great style and pack the armory every time there's a game.—Lawrence Telegram.

A great deal of the success of the Lowell club has been due to the clever work of Harkins and Griffith. The pair work together nicely.—Exchange.

Thompson, the speed king from the west, is proving a big help to the Providence team. He is a clever skater and has a wicked drive for the goal.

When the Taunton and Brockton teams were shifted to Portland and Lewiston, the teams were given an even start of .500 per cent. in the league table.

The City Bowling league games were rolled on the alleys last night, and some fine scores were put up. The Highland Daylights, league leaders, carried off the honors with a team total of 1567, taking four points from the Quinns. The White Waves won three points from the Kimballs, the Crescents took three from the Jewells, the Merrimacks three from the Spindles and the Middlesex captured all points from Carrs.

Dwyer of the Highland Daylights and McQuaid of the Kimballs were tied for the best three-string total with 334. McQuaid had the highest single, 136, with Martel second with 131. Martel made a total of 333, while Devlin of the White Waves kept up his good work and scattered the pins for a total of 331. Several other good games were rolled last night. The scores:

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Hulme	85	102	287
Dean	99	98	297
Byrnes	90	103	293
Gill	95	92	287
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MOHIGANS

McGowan 96 86 94 276
Carly 76 96 83 255
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BOULGERS

Riley 118 101 96 315
Patrick 87 95 88 270
Bacon 105 93 117 315
Burke 101 123 90 314
Epps 94 95 96 285

Totals 509 503 487 1499

STRAND

Bowers 106 82 96 284
Pinnegan 83 97 110 290
R. Hornstein 111 114 105 300
Risingwood 105 93 117 315
Brook 91 103 102 300

Totals 473 509 515 1497

PREMIERS

Ellis 91 92 101 282
Bachman 86 83 111 280
McClintock 119 82 117 318
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Shepherd 110 84 96 290

Totals 489 458 494 1441

KITTEDGE

Chase 110 91 83 284
Davis 102 117 96 315
Couture 105 93 117 318
Braunbury 96 82 108 286

Totals 502 479 478 1459

Kittredge's Minor League

BALDWIN'S

Silcox 84 106 90 280
White 126 91 110 327
Couture 105 93 117 318
Prescott 82 93 89 264
Simard 96 118 88 302

Totals 508 510 493 1506

PENTUCKETS

Mahoney 93 95 104 292
Wilkinson 82 84 73 239
Eastman 92 110 112 314
Denoebo 79 94 90 263
Sub 81 89 264

Totals 440 475 475 1390

KIMBALL

Myrick 97 81 85 264
Flanders 108 81 95 284
Curry 93 96 104 293
McQuaid 138 109 80 327
Jodoin 90 100 81 281

Totals 523 487 465 1471

WHITE WAYS

Sennett 101 96 81 278
Brigham 92 82 98 272
Sweeney 113 115 22 331
Orville 105 126 100 331

Totals 512 542 479 1635

QUINN

Monahan 92 100 92 286
Kennedy 94 107 81 282
Quinn 82 85 94 261

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Burke 101 123 90 314
Epps 94 95 96 285

Totals 509 503 487 1499

STRAND

Bowers 106 82 96 284
Pinnegan 83 97 110 290
R. Hornstein 111 114 105 300
Risingwood 105 93 117 318
Brook 91 103 102 300

Totals 473 509 515 1497

PREMIERS

Ellis 91 92 101 282
Bachman 86 83 111 280
McClintock 119 82 117 318
McClintock 119 82 117 318
Shepherd 110 84 96 290

Totals 489 458 494 1441

KITTEDGE

Chase 110 91 83 284
Davis 102 117 96 315
Couture 105 93 117 318
Braunbury 96 82 108 286

Totals 502 479 478 1459

Kittredge's Minor League

BALDWIN'S

Silcox 84 106 90 280
White 126 91 110 327
Couture 105 93 117 318
Prescott 82 93 89 264
Simard 96 118 88 302

Totals 508 510 493 1506

PENTUCKETS

Mahoney 93 95 104 292
Wilkinson 82 84 73 239
Eastman 92 110 112 314
Denoebo 79 94 90 263
Sub 81 89 264

Totals 440 475 475 1390

KIMBALL

Myrick 97 81 85 264
Flanders 108 81 95 284
Curry 93 96 104 293
McQuaid 138 109 80 327
Jodoin 90 100 81 281

Totals 523 487 465 1471

WHITE WAYS

Sennett 101 96 81 278
Brigham 92 82 98 272
Sweeney 113 115 22 331
Orville 105 126 100 331

Totals 512 542 479 1635

QUINN

Monahan 92 100 92 286
Kennedy 94 107 81 282
Quinn 82 85 94 261

Totals 268 292 267 827

LOST AND FOUND

SMALL SHEPHERD DOG lost Wednesday noon. Return to 35 Third st.

MALE TOY POODLE lost; very small; long white hair; no collar. Reward at 107 Holyrood ave.

FOUND found. Call evenings at 116 Quebec st.

SETTLE DOG found. Owner call evenings at 315 Lawrence st.

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Between depot and North Tewksbury via Middlesex, Church, Andover Sts. Finder please return to 166 Central St. Suitable reward.

BUSINESS CHANCES
\$480 WILL BUY a business where you can employ from 6 to 12 men and derive an income from \$100 to \$125 per week. H. Boardman, Richardson Hotel. Call from 8 to 9 p. m.

FOR SALE
PIANO for sale. Colonial upright, used but little. Only \$100. 747 Merrimack st.

SLEIGH for sale. Traverser, runner, pump in fine condition. Inquire at 23 Chapel st. O'Donnell Brothers.

FIVE HORSES and five sleighs for sale. J. L. Flynn, 137 Gorham st.

PLAYER PIANO of high grade, for private sale. P-37, Sun Office.

100 WHITE CHESTER PIGS for sale. Price low for 10 or more. Lyngsboro car, second house beyond first fare limit. H. P. Cady.

Sub 87 81 99 267
Mahan 93 101 83 282

Totals 454 474 449 1377

HIGHLAND DAYLIGHTS

Cole 104 108 107 319
Hall 82 98 121 301
Dwyer 121 111 102 334
Kempson 99 100 91 290
Martel 88 131 114 333

and it overflowed the sink. Pails and mops were quickly pressed into service, but before the floor of the school office had been dried off the water had penetrated through and into the office of the superintendent of parks.

No Room for Clinic

Miss Elizabeth Holway, representing the Harvard infantile paralysis commission, who came to Lowell yesterday for the purpose of securing rooms for clinics to be held in this city, was unable to get what she wanted. For the city messenger informed her that there was no room available in city hall for this month at least.

Want More Sugar

Purchasing Agent Maxime Lepine started on a tour of tea and grocery stores this noon in an endeavor to secure a barrel or any part thereof of granulated sugar for the city dispensary. A few days ago the Chelmsford street hospital being out of sugar. Mr. Lepine was able to purchase a barrel, (350 pounds) of brown sugar and a sack, (100 pounds) of granulated sugar, but yesterday he called up the several wholesale houses of the city in an endeavor to get more of the sweet stuff for the dispensary, but the reply he was given everywhere was "Not an ounce of sugar on hand." The lack of an ounce of sugar in the dispensary and inasmuch as sugar is badly needed there, any charitable or patriotic person who has granulated sugar on hand may do his or her "bit" by notifying the purchasing agent.

Park Department

It is very probable that the park department will ask the council this year to appropriate the sum of \$3000 for the care of trees. Next Monday if the weather is favorable the superintendent of parks will tour the city looking for the trees in need of attention of all the trees and will later report his finding to the board.

The employees of the department are now busy cutting down trees in upper Broadway and in the vicinity of the North common and the wood cutters are finding that work is being done for the worthy families, the city being done by the department.

Shedded Park

Despite the fact that the water at Seabed park is frozen clean through the ice, skating there is not an extra good for the ice is very smooth. Many kiddoes, however, are enjoying their favorite sport without complaining. As soon as the supply of water has increased enough to warrant it the park will be flooded.

Chauffeurs Examined

The regular weekly chauffeurs' examination was held at city hall this morning and six applicants were examined by Examiner Hubbell of the state highway commission.

Building Permits

Two permits amounting to \$3600 were issued from the office of the

Inspector of buildings at city hall this morning. One of the permits was to Georgianna White for the erection of a two-family dwelling in Pearl avenue at a cost of \$2800. While the other was to Charles Marzarian for an addition and alterations to the building numbered 45 Winter street at a cost of \$400.

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LAW TO PREVENT R. R. STRIKES

NEW CABINET SEAT FOR MUNITIONS SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A department of munitions under a new cabinet head known as the secretary of munitions, is proposed in a bill introduced today by Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee as a result of its investigation of war operations.

The new department would operate during the war and one year thereafter. The bill has the backing of the senate committee and will be strongly pressed. The new secretary of munitions would have power under the president's direction to control arms, munitions, food, clothing, equipment, transportation and any other materials the president shall designate as munitions of war.

Government bureaus, agencies and funds necessary to a munitions administration would be transferred to the new department with complete control of naval as well as army supplies.

To Expedite Supply

"The bill is intended to increase and

expedite the supply of munitions of war," said Senator Chamberlain. "One great trouble with the war establishment as disclosed by the investigation, has been a lack of co-ordination and the seeming impossibility of getting rid of circuitous methods of doing business."

"This measure places all jurisdiction over munitions of war which are defined at length in the bill in one person known as the secretary of munitions, subject to the direction, of course, of the president. It co-ordinates all the bureaus, cuts red tape, does away with useless decisions which have tended only to hamper direct action and gets to the heart of the whole situation."

"I believe if congress can see its way to the enactment of this measure and the proper man is placed at the head of the department of munitions, America will soon be occupying its proper place at the battle front. It will be noted that the measure is only in force during the continuance of the war which brings it into existence."

SALVATION ARMY CAMPAIGN

At a meeting of the public safety committee to be held this evening, Otto Heckmeyer will ask permission and sanction of the committee to take part in a campaign to raise \$1000 in this city during the period extending from Feb. 12 to Feb. 22 for the benefit of the war work activities of the Salvation Army. Mr. Heckmeyer thinks that such a campaign should come under the war work headquarters.

The Salvation Army will attempt to raise \$200,000 in Massachusetts during the period mentioned above and Lowell will be asked to contribute \$4000 of that. The money raised will be divided as follows: Twenty per cent to the war service supplies of the Salvation Army to be given through the Red Cross, 25 per cent to the soldiers in the various training camps in this country and 75 per cent to the soldiers in France.

The following letter written to Col. Adam Gifford of Boston who was in charge of the campaign in this state from Congressman John Jacob Rogers is of unusual interest because of the fact that it was written shortly after the latter's return to this city from the European front:

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 5, 1918.
Col. Adam Gifford,
8 East Brookline St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Col. Gifford: From my knowledge of conditions now prevailing in the training area of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe I am very glad to testify my belief that the work being done by the Salvation Army is most efficient and one of the great instruments for the physical, mental and moral welfare of our troops.

Sincerely yours,
John Jacob Rogers.

PLAN TO END R.R. WAGE AND LABOR DISPUTES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Director General McArdle and heads of the four railroad brotherhoods agreed today on a plan for thrashing out all wage and labor disputes while government operation prevails through an investigating board which will report recommendations to the director-general.

NOTICE

All members of Bricklayers' union are requested to attend meeting Friday evening. Business of importance.
Per order,
P. J. WARREN, Pres.

NOTICE

Important meeting of the Wage Earners' club, Saturday night, Jan. 5th, at 32 Middle street.

FRANK P. WHITE, Pres.
HENRY O'DONNELL, Sec.

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INDUSTRIOUS AS A BEAVER

In instinct we are not unlike this little brown animal with fur coat and fat tail. Taking our lesson from its industry in reconstructing its lodgings as fast as the storm knocks them down, we rebuild our stocks after the Christmas and New Year's storms. Instead of simply watching the storm tearing down the fabric, we build afresh every day whatever the blizzard of the sweep of our daily sales. To concentrate attention upon the highest details, to be equal to every situation, to exercise promptness in decisions, to have quick contention where it is possible to improve, to be minute and helpful—these are the purposes of our eternal vigilance and industry.

DEFEAT GERMAN PROPAGANDA

Before a rather small but select audience at the Strand theatre this forenoon, Mr. Arthur Fairbrother delivered a very interesting talk on the workings of the German propaganda in this country and how its chief secrets were laid bare by J. R. Rathbone, editor of the Providence Journal. The subject of the lecture was the war relief fund.

Leading up to the subject of his lecture, Mr. Fairbrother told many of the stories put in circulation to injure the Red Cross, to stop the shipment.

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VON HERTLING BEFORE REICHSTAG COMMITTEE

Emphasizing that Russia's refractory attitude regarding the German peace terms, coupled with home objections to them, would lead the German government to put the situation before the reichstag in some form were made good by today's news of the appearance of Chancellor von Hertling before the reichstag main committee.

MEN SENTENCED FOR DISOBEDIENCE IN COURT ON HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Federal Judge Morton today took under advisement the cases of Theodore Heller, Adolph Yanyar and John T. Dunn, Rhode Island soldiers, sentenced to prison for twenty years each for desertion and who are seeking release on habeas corpus proceedings based on the ground of alleged illegal registration. The men were brought into court under guard, but did not testify. Counsel for the prisoners argued that in as much as they had failed to register on June 5 they could not be registered thereafter until first tried for failure to register. The president's proclamation.

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Pres. Wilson Outlines Plan to Run Railroads in Address to Congress

Bills to Carry Out Recommendations Introduced in Both Houses—Guarantees to Owners of Roads—\$500,000,000 for "Revolving Fund"—Officials Believe Railways Will Never Return to Private Hands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—President Wilson laid before congress today his recommendations for legislation to carry out government operation of railroads and administration bills to that purpose were introduced immediately in both houses.

While the president in his address laid stress on the importance of properly preserving the properties for their return, the administration bill specifically provides that government control shall obtain throughout the war and "until congress shall thereafter order otherwise."

May Never Return to Private Hands

Many government officials and railroad men made no concealment of their belief that the railways never would return to private hands. The president's program, besides calling for a \$500,000,000 appropriation to be used as a "revolving fund" with maintenance costs for compensation to the roads at the rate of their net operating income for the last three fiscal years. Any deficiencies would be met out of the revolving fund and meanwhile no railroad may increase its dividends; roads that have skipped dividends may resume with rates fixed by the president.

Law to Prevent Strikes

One section of the proposed law, considered very significant, lays a heavy penalty on anyone who impedes "possession, use, operation or control" of the roads. It is regarded as precluding a strike.

All new railroad financing would be under the approval of the president and the government would be authorized to support railroad credit by buying railway securities and hold them for better markets. All advances of money to the roads or expenditures for betterments would be reimbursable to the government.

In the house the bill was introduced by Chairman Sims of the interstate commerce committee, which will meet Monday to consider it.

In the senate it was introduced by Senator Smith of South Carolina, and will be considered by the senate committee also on Monday.

Text of President Wilson's Address

The president spoke in full as follows: "Gentlemen of the Congress—I have asked the privilege of addressing you in order to report that on the 28th of December last, during the recess of congress, acting through the secretary of war and under the authority conferred upon me by the act of congress approved April 29, 1916, I took possession and assumed control of the rail-

way lines of the country and the systems of water transportation under their control. This step seemed to be imperatively necessary in the interest of the public welfare, in the presence of the great tasks of war with which we are now dealing. As our experience develops difficulties and makes it clear that they are, I have deemed it my duty to remove those difficulties wherever I have the legal power to do so. To assume control of the vast railway systems of the country is, I realize, a very great responsibility, but I feel that I have the legal power to do so. In the existing circumstances would have been much greater. I assumed the less responsibility rather than the weightier.

Duty to Mobilize All Resources

I am sure that I am speaking the mind of all thoughtful Americans when I say that it is our duty as the representatives of the nation to do everything that it is necessary to do to secure the complete mobilization of the whole resources of America by as rapid and effective a means as can be found. Transportation supplies the arteries of mobilization. Unless it be under a single and unified direction the whole process of the nation's action is embarrassed.

It was in the true spirit of America and it was right that we should first try to effect the necessary unification.

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Bill to Provide for Federal Operation of Railroads

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The administration bill for government operation of railroads proposes that the government shall pay compensation at an annual rate as near as possible to the net operating income for the three years ended June 30, 1917.

The bill also would appropriate \$500,000,000 to be used as a "revolving fund" with the excess earnings of the roads for the operation of the law.

The bill is entitled: "A bill to provide for operation of transportation systems which under federal control, for the just compensation of their owners and for other purposes."

Section 1 provides that the president is authorized to agree with the roads that during the federal control they shall receive as just compensation an income at an annual rate equivalent as nearly as may be to the roads' average net railway operating income for the three years ending June 30, 1917. This bill officially calls the standard return. This section provides that the net railway operating income is to be computed from returns to the interstate commerce commission.

No federal taxes in excess of taxes assessed during the year ending June 30, 1917, are to be charged against the revenue in computing the standard return. Any net railway operating income in excess of the standard excess or the standard return is to be the property of the United States. The amount of the standard return is to be determined by the interstate commerce commission whose certificate as to the amount is to be taken as final and conclusive.

Section 2 provides that if no such agreement is made with a road, the president may nevertheless pay or cause to be paid to any railroad while under federal control, not exceeding 90 per cent of the standard return. Under this section the legal right of the railroad for prosecution of its claim for the balance before the court of claims is provided for.

Section 3 provides that any claim for just compensation which is not adjusted under the terms provided in section 1, will be submitted to a board of three auditors appointed by the interstate commerce commission. These auditors will report to the president the amount due the road as just compensation. A sum not exceeding the amount so reported may be agreed upon by the president and the road. Failing this agreement either may file a petition in the court of claims for final ascertainment of the amount of just compensation.

Section 4 provides that the return of any carrier will be increased by an amount reckoned at a rate per cent to be fixed by the president, upon the cost of any additions and improvements made while under federal control by the carrier from its own capital or surplus.

Section 5 prohibits any carrier, while under federal control, without the president's prior approval from declaring or paying any dividends in excess of its regular rate during the three years. Railroads that have paid no regular dividends may pay dividends at whatever rate the president may determine.

Section 6 appropriates \$500,000,000 which, together with any funds available from any excess earnings of the railroads, may be used by the president "as a revolving fund" to pay expenses

of the federal control on any deficit of a railroad below the standard return and to provide terminals, improvements, engines, rolling stock and other necessary equipment. These improvements are to be disposed of eventually as congress may hereafter provide. The president may also, according to section seven, order any road to make any additions and improvements, may expend whatever amount he may deem necessary or desirable for purchase, construction or utilization and operation of boats, barges, tugs and other transportation facilities on the inland and coastwise waterways.

To provide funds for maturing obligations or for other legal and proper expenditures or for reorganizing railroads in receivership, carriers may issue such securities as the president may approve.

The same section authorizes the president to purchase for the United States all or any part of these securities and to sell them whenever in his judgment it is desirable.

Section 8 provides that the president may execute any of the powers granted him through whatever agencies he may determine and may fix reasonable compensation for service.

Section 9 would authorize the president to extend the federal workmen's compensation law to apply to railroad employees.

FIRE NEAR WATERFRONT AT HOBOKEN, N. J.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Jan. 4.—Firemen, soldiers and civilians, aided by New York fireboats and railroad tugs, brought a stubborn blaze under control after a fight of several hours in the heart of the industrial section paralleling the government controlled waterfront here today.

A six-story manufacturing plant, containing paper and other mill supplies owned by the Gatti-McQuade company, was destroyed with an estimated loss of \$250,000. Numerous small fires, caused by sparks carried by a 40-mile wind, were checked by the firemen, almost exhausted by their efforts at a blaze elsewhere earlier in the morning and handicapped by weak water pressure, fought the flames in the Gatti-McQuade building.

Situation Plant Near Fire

At the request of war department

authorities, the New York police sent fireboats which reached Hoboken after cutting their way through Hudson river ice. These vessels played streams upon the Gatti-McQuade fire and prevented it from spreading to ships loading with war supplies.

About 1000 soldiers guarded the district while aiding in the fire fighting. Civilians were called on for patrol duty. Police officers will be expediting the removal of the debris in buildings in the vicinity to move out. A munitions factory in the vicinity was not touched by the flames. A number of firemen were called to succor and smoke, were removed to hospitals.

Help From New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—An urgent call for aid in fighting a fire in a building where army supplies were stored at West New York, N. J., on the Hudson, was received by the police today from army authorities.

A police fire-boat was despatched. This blaze was several miles north of the Hoboken fire.

MADE MILLION ON SHIP CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Profits amounting to more than a million dollars were made by the Clinchfield Navigation Co. in a deal involving government shipbuilding contracts, according to testimony today before the senate commerce committee investigating the shipbuilding program.

This information was disclosed by Theodore E. Ferris, chief constructor for the emergency fleet corporation, a report by a district officer of the shipping board.

The Clinchfield Co. was declared, sold to the government four ships under construction for the company in the yards of the Sloane shipyard corporation of Seattle, making a profit of \$1,000,000 and later obtained for the Sloane corporation contracts for 12 more ships on which it made a 5 per cent profit.

FLOODS CAUSE HEAVY DAMAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Floods in Siam, the worst since 1911, are devastating the country. Despatches today from the American legation at Bangkok say the water has risen to the roofs of houses on which peasants are living. Great crop losses have been caused and cattle are dying by drowning and starvation. A relief commission has been appointed.

60,000 TONS OF COAL REACH NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The arrival today of 60,000 tons of coal, announced by A. H. Smith, deputy director-general of railroads, promised relief from the coal shortage. At New Jersey terminals there are 226,000 additional tons which will be brought to the city as soon as tugs have broken the ice in harbor estuaries.

COAL DEALER NOT SELLING COAL FAST ENOUGH

According to orders received by the Lowell fuel committee from headquarters in Boston, the next consignment of coal shipped to Charles Lajoie, the Gorham street coal dealer, will be taken care of by the committee and re-consigned to the various other coal dealers.

This order was given out after it was found that Mr. Lajoie had about 4000 tons of coal on hand at his yard and that he could not dispose of it any quicker than 100 tons a day.

For the past few days hundreds of teams of all descriptions have visited the coal yard of Mr. Lajoie and the fuel has been carried away in great quantities. Mr. Lajoie is not refusing coal to any purchaser, but in order to follow the instructions of the fuel committee he ascertains whether or not the customer is really in need of the fuel before the sale is made. In some instances, so it was said, some teamsters have charged \$3 a ton for delivery, and the fuel committee believes that is exorbitant. It is expected that the fuel committee will be sold for a dollar less than the regular price and if this rule is being infringed by any dealer, the committee would like to hear about it.

ANOTHER FIRE THAWING FIRE

Shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon, an alarm from box 9, a temporary box taking the place of box 116 at the corner of Cross and Adams streets, was rung in for a small fire in the building owned by Michael Annara at 177 Adams street. The blaze was caused by the thawing out of frozen pipes, but there was no damage. The White Triple combination, which arrived in Lowell yesterday afternoon and which was put in commission at

SPEED UP SENATE WAR INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The senate war inquiry was resumed today under a "speed-up" program adopted yesterday in executive session. Under the new arrangements, detailed examination of witnesses will be curtailed to a minimum, and the general work of the investigation will be expedited. The inquiry again today was given over to testimony regarding clothing contracts let by the supplies committee, and the general work of the investigation.

Witnesses were called to substantiate testimony already given by Charles Eisenman, vice chairman of the supplies committee, regarding the award of contracts to firms in which members of the committee were interested financially.

As a result of the investigation, Senator McKellar was expected to propose a bill amending the act creating the council of national defense.

M'ADOO'S NEW MOVE TO RELIEVE COAL FAMINE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Director-General McArdle today took further steps for the relief of the coal famine in New England by ordering the distribution of 500 coal cars to mine along the lines of the eastern railroads.

Situation Serious
BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The coal situation in New England was more serious today than at any previous time this winter.

Promised relief expected with the arrival of steamers and barges, and a shipment by rail was not forthcoming, and it was frankly admitted at the office of the New England fuel administrator that many industrial plants probably would be forced to close while suffering in many homes would be without fuel.

A combination cold extending over a period of a week and a sixty mile gale along Cape Cod yesterday kept tugs and barges scurrying to cover in Vineyard Sound and back barges on the way, while vessels loaded and prepared to leave Hampton Roads were reported delayed by great fields of ice.

Up to noon no word had come from a coal train, last reported near Maybrook, N. Y., although operating officials of the New Haven railroad said there was every reason to believe the shipment was being moved. At least, the fuel administrator's office said, no large shipments would reach Boston before the first of next week.

The New Haven railroad announced this afternoon that it had finally traced the trainload of coal, last reported near Maybrook, N. Y., and that it would be turned over by the connecting line at that point late today. Orders were issued to give the train the right of way, officers of the company said, and to start it for Boston the moment it was routed to the New Haven tracks.

Officer John W. Dineen of Barre, Vt., while on his way to the police station after receiving a card from his son, who had been and was supposed to be in France, was surprised to meet his son on the street. It is believed that the son came over on the same boat with the coal.

Joseph E. Fletcher street, made it initial trip to a fire this afternoon and was the first of the department's purative to reach the scene of the fire.

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CLOSEUPS OF THE GERMANS WAR ON MERCY WORKERS

In the department of the Nord, France. The ruins of a civilian hospital caused by a German bomb. All hospitals are marked prominently on the maps to indicate to enemy airmen the nature of the buildings. Regard less of this the Germans have not spared the helpless occupants and those caring for them.

Special to The Sun.

War on hospitals, on doctors, on nurses, on wounded men lying in coats, on wounded men anesthetized and lying on the operating table—this is the latest phase of Hun atrocity as practiced in France, and Americans are among the victims.

In the archives of the war department there is a thrilling list of stories of German barbarity and American heroism. These stories are the official reports of what German aviators did to American base hospitals and American ambulance sections.

Recently I learned that there were 12 American base hospitals in France of which six were serving our allies.

And it was officially announced, a short time ago that we had 334 medical officers, nurses, etc., attached to the British and French forces; 874 medical officers and 470 nurses were with the British. We had with the French 40 ambulance sections each consisting of 46 officers and men.

It is some of these that have been under fire and it is some of these that have been killed and wounded. It seems such a trivial thing to do and the results accomplished seem to the layman so small that I asked an official just what the theory was about these raids on hospitals.

"The German never does anything without method," was his response. "He figures to accomplish three things by his raids:

"First—He does not want our base hospitals very near the front line trenches. If they are then located, our wounded men can be quickly treated. If my bomb attacks he forces us to send our hospitals back some distance he thereby increases the chances of our wounded getting gas and also the number of cases in which amputation becomes necessary. He thereby depletes the fighting forces quickly.

"Second—He cold-bloodedly figures that to kill a doctor is equal to killing 500 soldiers. We can train soldiers in a few months; we can't replace doctors.

"Third—the same thing applies in a lesser degree to trained nurses. And now you know why on a clear moonlight night in France every doctor, nurse and orderly in the big base hospitals near the German lines is on the qui vive for the throb-throb of the airplane.

It is on such nights that sentinels keep up unceasing vigilance and, especially, see to it that they have emergency lights for the operating room, so that the horror may not occur of a man being partially operated on and then coming to in the darkness for want of proper anesthetics.

Here are a few facts from personal letters and reports sent back to America:

Dr. George B. Brewer, famous professor of surgery in Columbia University, is in France in charge of the Columbia-Presbyterian hospital unit. In mid-July his hospital was asked to send volunteer teams to casualty

clearing stations just behind the lines. These teams consist of an operating surgeon, anesthetist, operating nurse and orderly. Dr. Brewer himself was four miles from Yser canal during the hot fighting there, receiving one day 300 wounded.

In August his station was attacked by airplane bombers three times in five days. Miss McDonald, his office nurse, lost her right eye. She pluckily remained on the job.

Kenneth Gaston of the Harvard medical unit, wrote his mother in New Jersey concerning any number of raid experiences. In the early fall he said the Germans were maintaining a regular campaign against hospitals.

The hospital to which he was attached had visitors hovering over it for three hours one night raining down bombs. Two surgeons were wounded, two of the big tents were riddled, some small tents were blown up.

The officers and men slept out in the open fields for safety. The next night the Germans attacked two hospitals to which the Americans had moved the wounded and were thus compelled to close one of these havens. Later Gaston was stationed with a hospital in a little ruined village. A German gun, after firing around the village plumed two big shells into the hospital which was filled to capacity with badly wounded men, the kind of cases that have just a fighting chance to live.

Two of these men were killed outright and five were wounded again. For a wonder none of the nurses was hurt.

Can you imagine anything more terrible than to be wounded badly and under fire? The 80 or so cases were, of course, so terrified that they would have killed themselves worrying, so that the hospital had to be emptied at once.

We worked until midnight moving them out of range. It was mean work, for the cases were all painful and the roads bad. I had to go very slowly for five kilometers and at that one poor fellow screamed at every bump.

But the worst experience was that of the U. S. Base Hospital No. 5, in charge of the famous Dr. Harvey Cushing of Harvard. On Sept. 9 last, the hospital camp was hit five times in one night. The attack took place at 11 at night just when the wards were all quiet and the officers were about to retire.

Officers' quarters consisted of a big mess tent and some 30 bell tents. Warning had been received that German raiders were on the way and all the lights in the district were put out.

Lieutenant William Fitzsimmons had been aroused. He came to the door of his tent and called to one of the sergeants. Just then a bomb dropped at his feet and literally blew the lieutenant to pieces. Lieutenant Clarence McGuire of Kansas City, was blown out of his bunk in the next tent receiving wounds in the shoulder, arm

and thigh. His tent had 400 holes in it. Lieutenant Rae Whidden, who was sitting in his tent writing, got a deep chest wound and Lieutenant Smith got a wound in the knee.

The third bomb struck one of the ward tents and the next dropped on an orderly named Tugo, fatally wounding him, the explosion being severe enough to knock down the nurse in charge, Miss Parmelee. Fourteen British Tommies were wounded.

The fifth and last bomb struck the reception tent, usually the most crowded place, there being in ordinary times ambulance men, orderlies, stretcher-bearers, medical men and the wounded. There was no one in the tent at the time but officials.

Sergeant Edwards heard the earlier explosions. Shouting a warning, he got up from the seat he was occupying and rushed to the tent door. Burier Woods of the regular army took the seat, thanking Edwards for it. He had hardly sat down when he was killed by an explosion, as was Private Anthony McLeod lost both his legs and Private Mason was hurt.

After the attacks were all over there came the hard work of attending to the wounded. There was no electric current and operations were performed by the dim light of candles and lanterns.

Despite her own harrowing experi-

ence Miss Parmelee went right to work. When she started to take the pulse of a patient she found that her watch had been cut away from its strap. After working all night, she quietly reported herself to the operating room the next day and had a fragment removed from her eye-lid. There were about a dozen holes cut in her clothes by flying shell fragments.

Private Mason went to work carrying wounded during the night and it was not until some time later that one of the officers noticed the uncomplaining fellow, so heroically toiling, himself had a penetrating wound in the skull.

Andrew McLeod of Boston, who lost his legs during this attack, landed in New York the other day, determined to find something he could do where by he might be of service to his country. Here is all this American had to say of his own experiences:

"I heard a big explosion. I looked down and saw my right leg was almost cut in two. Shortly afterward I was carried away on a stretcher. When I woke up the next day I remembered my right leg was hurt. I looked down and saw it was gone. They had amputated. Then I looked for my left leg. It had been hurt and they had to cut it off too. Well, no use crying. We for America and some new job for Uncle Sam."

MILTON BRONNER.

PERSHING REPLIES TO NEW YEAR'S MESSAGES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 3. (By The Associated Press.)—On behalf of the American expeditionary force, Gen. Pershing has answered New Year's messages from the United States. A message to the army from the Children's Loyalty league reads:

"Dear American Soldiers: We know the sacrifice you have made for us and will make; that we may be safe and happy. We thank you and wish you all a happy new year."

Gen. Pershing responded as follows: "The American soldiers in France are very glad to have your message. No sacrifice we can make will be too great if we can insure the safety and happiness of the children of America."

From Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, suffrage leader and member of the Woman's Council of National Defense, came this greeting:

"The women of the United States are with you in the spirit of service. You are our standard bearers, our hope. We love you, believe in you, pray for you."

Gen. Pershing replied: "All ranks of the American expeditionary force unite in heartfelt thanks to the women of America for their love and prayers. The patriotism of

our incomparable women, than whom there are none others more noble, shall be our constant inspiration. Until the great task which is entrusted to us shall be accomplished. Accept our best wishes for the coming year and our firm confidence in final success."

To Christmas messages from the women of the American Red Cross, the American commander sent the thanks of all ranks, adding: "The love and confidence of our women will make us all better men and better soldiers and hold us firm in the courage and determination to win."

BIG COAL BARGES ICE BOUND IN N. Y. BAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The ice blockade in New York harbor and adjacent waters, combined with another day of zero weather, today caused concern to the fuel administrators and transportation officials who have been trying to relieve the metropolis from its alarming shortage of coal.

Barges with thousands of tons of coal on board virtually were ice-bound in the bay.

The Hudson river is frozen down to 200th street and the Harlem river down to 140th street. For the first time in years Long Island Sound has

been frozen over and hundreds of persons stated today from New Rochelle to Execution Light.

As hundreds of families are unable to get coal, an oil famine is now feared.

BERKMAN HELD UP TO RUSSIANS AS MARTYR

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Alexander Berkman, an anarchist, who is under sentence in New York for two years for conspiring to obstruct the military draft regulation, and under indictment in this city in connection with preparedness parade murders 18 months ago, is being held up to the Russians as a martyr to the cause of liberty, according to Prof. William S. Thayer of Johns Hopkins University, a member of the American Red Cross mission to Russia.

"At a mass meeting several weeks ago in Petrograd," Prof. Thayer said today, "a protest against the incarceration of Berkman in the United States was adopted. A speaker told of Berkman's arrest and said that he had been thrown into a dungeon and would never again see daylight."

"The speaker also informed the audience that it was far from uncommon in the United States for workmen resisting the demands of their employers, to be imprisoned for life, cast into underground dungeons, to be broken on the wheel and to have their limbs nailed on the front doors of their house."

"I have corroborated every detail of this meeting and my information is derived from most reliable sources," Prof. Thayer said notwithstanding isolated occurrences of this nature, he was deeply impressed with the fundamental toleration and patience of the Russian people.

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President Wilson, having announced previously that he was going home on a leave of absence.

legals will be given American boats in Canadian waters.

SPRING IS NEAR!

QUINCY, Jan. 4.—Sufferers from the prolonged zero weather which has hung over this city for a week took heart last night at a notice published officially in the local papers, which called for the annual meeting of the Fourth of July association for next Tuesday night.

Another harbinger of better times was reported by Mrs. Fred W. Austin of Saville avenue. Mrs. Austin has been feeding birds all winter in her back yard. Yesterday when she went to scatter the daily allowance of crumbs she found two robins had joined the company.

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LONDON, Jan. 4.—It is suggested editorially by the Daily Chronicle that either Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary, Earl Reading, lord chief justice, or J. Austen Chamberlain would be acceptable as ambassador at Washington.

It has been reported that Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the British ambassador to the United States, will soon retire from that post.

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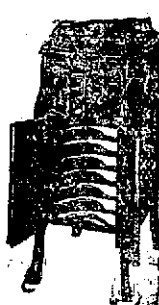
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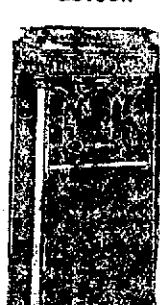
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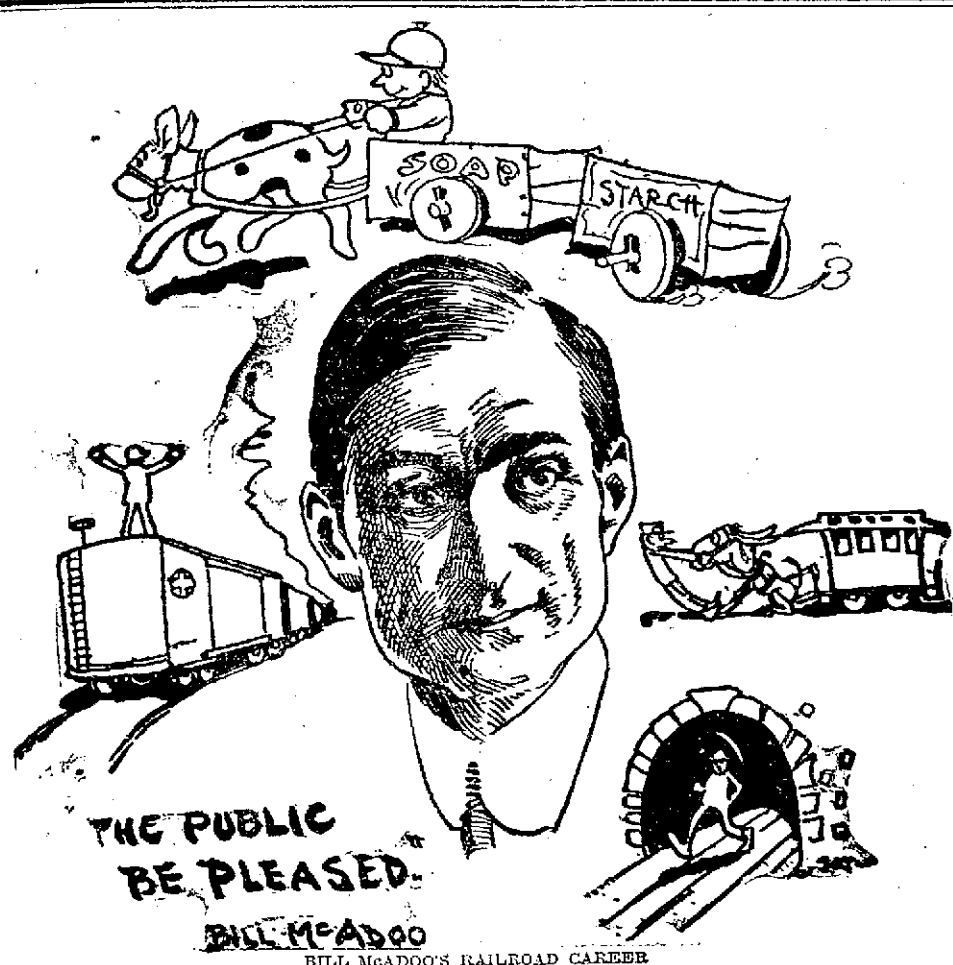
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BILL McADOO'S RAILROAD CAREER

Special to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The public be pleased!
That is William G. McAdoo's railroad slogan.
McAdoo never had any use for the ancient Vanderbilt slogan—"The public be damned!" and he made this clear when he first stepped into the railroad world back in the early 90's.
Then he, a youthful lawyer, was made counsel of the Central railway of Georgia and the Richmond and Danville railroad. Lawyer McAdoo put on overalls and studied railroading first hand.
But that wasn't his first railroad experience.
"I always did like railroads," he explains. "First I ever owned had two cars and my dog was the engine."
Having this liking for railroads in him, McAdoo bought the old Knoxville (Tenn.) Street railway, a time-worn mule and an old car.
McAdoo converted his mule railroad into an electric line. It was in the early days of electric street cars, and no one in Knoxville knew how to make it go. By the time that had been mastered McAdoo's line was in the bankruptcy court.

And the McAdoo family—W. G. having married at 22 and being the proud dad of six children—moved on to larger fields. When McAdoo got in New York, he hunted up a lawyer named William Gibbs McAdoo, not a relative—and went back to practicing law. And he might be practicing that to this day if he hadn't found a place over in Jersey where the rent was cheaper than in Gotham.
Going back and forth over the ferry twice a day wasn't pleasing. In winter it was cold. Every day he had to trudge away a lot of time waiting for the ferry boat.
"Ought to have a tunnel," he observed one cold morning.
"Yes," agreed another chilly commuter, "tried twice to bore a tunnel through, but both were failures."
McAdoo took the afternoon off and went over to Hoboken to give the failure tunnel the "once over." He went back to Gotham all enthused. All he needed was \$100,000,000. He hurried down to Wall street.
"Expert tunnel builders have failed on that," cautious financiers said, carefully looking up their pocket-books in the office safe.
But McAdoo kept on talking in that smooth southern drawl of his, with his kindly blue eyes sparkling and he

astonished the close-listed moneybags by separating them from millions.
Then he drove the tube through from Jersey to Manhattan, building two terminals in New York after fighting down the bitterest opposition. There are many points of similarity between this grant and the rail proclamation. Both give to the public officials the power of controlling service and regulating equipment expenditures. Both guarantee returns to stockholders. The underlying feature of both plans is stated in this language in both the Taylor grant and the railroad proclamation:
"The best possible transportation at

pleased, and the convenience, comfort, and safety of the passengers have been studied and provided for at every point, with the result that the public has been pleased, and shown a cordial interest in the welfare of the company."
Besides being a good railroad man, a dandy secretary of the treasury, a crackjack tunnel builder and a brainy lawyer, William Gibbs McAdoo is one of the best cow milkers, dishwashers and biscuit makers in the world.
"I had to help with the milking, dishwashing and baking when I was young," he explains, "and I never forgot how."

Baker Gives Credit For Rail Idea
War Secretary Baker's experience in the Cleveland street railway fight years ago gave him the basis for the plan under which the government took over the railroads, according to advisers from Washington.
Baker is given credit for suggesting the plan which President Wilson, through Baker, outlined in the proclamation.
The railway fight in Cleveland was settled by what is known as the Taylor grant. There are many points of similarity between this grant and the rail proclamation. Both give to the public officials the power of controlling service and regulating equipment expenditures. Both guarantee returns to stockholders. The underlying feature of both plans is stated in this language in both the Taylor grant and the railroad proclamation:
"The best possible transportation at

cost plus a reasonable rate of return to the stockholders."

"TRAINLESS WEEK" MAY COME NEXT

Special to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—One result of Uncle Sam's taking control of the railroads may be addition of "trainless weeks" to "meatless Tuesdays" and "wheatless Wednesdays." Before President Wilson took his drastic action the railroad executives had been quietly discussing among themselves the advisability of having one passenger-trainless week each month, except between Washington and New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago and Chicago and New York.
The idea is extreme, but so is the necessity of having trains to move what the government needs, in addition to coal to keep homes warm, food to feed the people of the cities, and material to keep the industrial plants going. This trainless week would not apply to communication service which is considered in the same class as local rapid transit.
Trainless periods would release passenger engines for freight hauling and engineers and firemen also could be used in freight service.
Another advantage would be to

clear the tracks of fast-moving passenger trains for which freight trains now often have to take sidings.

TRAINING OF RADIO AND BUZZER OPERATORS

The state board of education has authorized the training of 50 radio and buzzer operators for the army at the local vocational school and Principal Fisher is making arrangements for this purpose.
The men in the new draft are eligible and may obtain membership in the class by applying to Mr. Fisher at the school any time beginning next Monday, day or evening, during the school sessions.
VOCATIONAL EVENING CLASSES
Following the winter recess Vocational school classes in dressmaking, millinery and cookery will reopen Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week at the Morrill, Greenhalge and Butler schools. New classes are forming. Both present and new pupils are requested to report the opening evening at 7:15, ready to work. Registrations will be received Thursday and Friday evenings for a course in home nursing which is to be conducted at the Morrill school. This class will be in

charge of Miss Helen O'Rourke, who has been teaching Red Cross classes.

LAWRENCE FIREMEN HAVE FIVE-HOUR STRUGGLE IN ZERO WEATHER

LAWRENCE, Jan. 4.—In below zero temperature the entire Lawrence fire fighting forces fought a blaze in the Gould company junk shop for more than five hours last night. The building, a story and a half frame structure, was entirely gutted and a miscellaneous collection of paper, rags and iron junk was completely destroyed. The loss will be \$15,000.
The firemen suffered intensely from the piercing cold and heavy smoke from the burning rags. The building was surrounded by dozens of small wooden factories and lumber yards, but the blaze was confined to the junk shop.

WAS FEELING ALL RUN DOWN
Symptoms of on-coming kidney trouble deserve prompt attention, for neglect invites serious illness. Louis Buckner, Somerset, Va., writes: "I was feeling all run down; tired, with pains in my back. After taking Foley Kidney Pills I felt like a new man. Backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, sore muscles, swollen ankles, puffiness under eyes, and sleep-disturbing bladder ailments yield quickly to this time-tried remedy. A boon to middle-aged men and women. Falls & Durkinshaw, 413 Middlesex St., Moody's Drug Store, 561 Central St."

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BRITISH MAY ATTACK THE FOES NAVAL BASES



VICE ADMIRAL SIR ROSSLYN WEMYSS

Special to The Sun

"THREE-EYED ROSIE"

NEW YORK, January.—Does the appointment of Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss as first sea lord of the British admiralty foreshadow a change in allied naval strategy? Will the long contemplated direct attack on German naval bases be the result? Can the German fleets, hidden behind the mine fields and batteries of Heligoland, be successfully attacked? If so, how?

I put these questions to Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, former aid for operations of the U. S. navy, president of the Naval Institute, and inventor of the torpedoplanes, the telescope sight that has revolutionized naval gunnery, and many other naval appliances.

"The history of warfare shows that where decisive battles have been fought it was in practically every case the result of a strong attack against a point that was vital to the enemy and yet comparatively weak," answered Admiral Fiske.

"That is the essence of successful strategy.

"Noting this, we can realize that Germany's weakest point is her navy, that it is vital to her, and that, therefore, a strong attack should be made upon it.

"The whole German navy is now concentrated in the region of Kiel and Wilhelmshaven; she has, so to speak, all her naval eggs in one basket.

is the nickname by which English sailors affectionately refer to Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, the new first sea lord. The name was, of course, suggested by the admiral's monocular.

A British sailor now in a North Atlantic port, who was with the new first sea lord off Gallipoli, told The Sun correspondent:

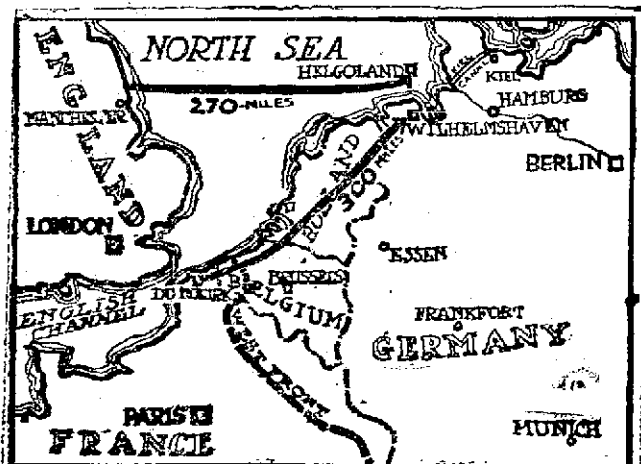
"The old man sees everything the other officers see and what they miss he spots with that three-pane of glass of his. You can't hamboozle three-eyed Rosie. He's a holy terror. You can't outfox him. But he's a grand fighter."

placed.

"Without it, Germany could not even put up a pretense of hope for achieving the ambition for world domination with which she commenced this war, or a chance of maintaining even a mediocre place in the family of nations.

"Apparently the submarine campaign is losing some of its effectiveness.

"But whether or not the U-boats have been beaten, we have got to remember that the submarine is only one of many naval weapons, and naval strategy recognizes the fact that so long as an enemy's fleet exists as a fighting force, it constitutes a continuing menace, from which an at-



SHORTEST AIR ROUTES FROM ALLY TERRITORY TO GERMAN NAVAL BASES

"Her naval power lies behind great mine fields, just as the garrison of a fort in times past was protected behind the thick walls of a fort.

"But when an attacking force found that it could not break through the walls of the fort, it utilized scaling ladders to climb over, and these German mine fields, if they cannot be broken through, can be flown over with airplanes.

"I believe that air attacks on a scale sufficiently great would smash those German eggs.

"No military defeat now possible could injure Germany as much as would the destruction of her fleet.

"That fleet could not possibly be re-

lack of some kind may be expected at any moment.

"For this reason, no mere drop in the curve of submarine sinkings should blind us to the desirability of sinking or disabling the German fleet.

"The possibility of doing this lies in a direct air attack.

"The distance from England to Kiel is only 375 miles, and from northeastern France to the same place is only 400 miles; while the distances from these points to Wilhelmshaven are only 210 and 300 miles respectively.

"A squadron of Caproni airplanes recently made a trip of 875 miles without stopping.

"Airplanes capable of carrying full-sized torpedoes from England to Kiel, of discharging them and returning successfully, can be constructed, if they do not already exist.

"In my opinion all the elements of a successful direct attack upon the German navy and its bases are available. The appropriate mechanisms for the work already have been invented.

"The effect of the destruction of Germany's fleet could not be calculated. It would certainly end the submarine menace and probably end the war."

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Seedless Raisins, pkgs.12c
Seedless Raisins, large pkgs.14c
Sunbeam Mince Meat, pkgs.7c
Baker's Pure Extract, Vanilla, lemon, orange, etc.21c
Marshall's Whip, big can25c
Walnut Mince, lb.70c
Candied Cherries, lb.65c
Candied Pineapple, lb.65c
Candied Mixed Fruit, lb.65c
Pure Ground Saffron, 1 lb.75c
Nutmeg, Allspice, Cloves, etc., large pkgs.12c
Pure Leaf Lard, 1 lb.10c
Mazola Oil, 1 lb.10c
Crisco25c up
Alaska White, 50 lbs. pails22c
Tonic Sauce, 50 lbs. pails22c
Mrs. Chapman's Dressing, bot. 1 lb.25c
New Garden Spices, can21c
Green String Beans, can19c
Tuna Fish, can22c
Crab Meat, can21c
Columbia Iced Salmon, can35c
Sardines, 1 lb. can15c
Kippers, 1 lb. can15c
Shrimps, can12c
P. Jar Mixed Pickles, each12c
Green Beans, can15c
My Wife's Salad Dressing, 1 lb.10c
Table Talk Catsup, bot.11c
Lipton's Bacon, can10c
Ridgeway's Tea, can10c
New Orleans Molasses, can15c
New Sugar Syrup, jar20c
Pure Corn Syrup, jar20c
Baking Powder, Royal, Borden, Huntford, Cleveland's, Saunders' can10c
Pure Table Gelatin, Knox, Cox, English, Plymouth Rock, Coleman's, Crystal, pkgs.10c and up
Peat Tapioca, 1 lb. bag10c

Corned AND SWEET PICKLED Meats

Thick Rib, Bone Out, lb.16c
Thick Rib, Bone In, lb.14c
Sticking Pieces, lb.15c, 17c
Navel Ends, lb.12c
Fancy Brisket, lb.18c, 20c
Corned Ox Tongue, lb.18c, 20c
Neck Bones, lb.9c
Spare Ribs, lb.19c

Steaks

Sirloin, lb.22c, 28c
Tenderloin, lb.25c and 29c
Round, lb.22c, 25c, 30c
Rump, lb.25c, 29c, 33c
Veal Steak, lb.22c, 25c

CHOPS

Yearling Chops, lb.15c
Lamb Chops, lb.20c, 25c
Pork Chops, lb.22c, 25c, 29c
Veal Chops, lb.18c to 22c

VEAL

Leg and Loin, lb.19c, 21c, 25c
Large Legs Veal, lb.16c, 18c
Legs Milk Fed Veal, lb.21c
Loins of Veal, lb.18c
Forequarters Veal, lb.15c

Chicago Rump Steak, No Waste, Pound .. 19c

Baker's Pure Vanilla, bot.21c

Sugar Wafer Dainties, lb.20c

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Best Head Rice, lb.10c
Macaroni, Spaghetti, pkgs.10c
Bell's Poultry Seasoning, 1 lb.25c
Slade's Pure Sage, pkgs.10c
Slade's Pure Thyme, pkgs.10c
Evap. Apples, lb.10c
Evap. Peaches, lb.10c
New Prunes, lb.10c, 12c and 14c
Jelly Powder, pkgs.10c, 12c, 14c
Blueberries, can12c
Ripe Olives, can10c
Pure Grape Juice, 1st15c
Pie Pod, 3rd, pkgs.10c
Golden Gate Peas, can10c
Golden Gate Apples, can10c
Libby's Best Peaches, can10c
Sliced Peaches, can10c
Blueberries, can12c
Strawberries, can10c
Raspberries, can10c
Glycerin, Eng. Marziano, pot.25c
Pride, Eng. Marziano, jar10c
Persian Dates, pkgs.10c, 12c
Armour's Mince Meat, lb.15c
Marshmallow, 1 lb.10c
Pure Honey10c, 12c, 14c
Stuffed Olives10c, 12c, 14c
Green Olives10c, 12c, 14c
Crystallized Ginger10c
Sunbeam Plum Pudding, 1 lb.25c
Friend's Corn Pudding, can10c
Friend's Pound Cake10c
Friend's Oyster C. T. Sauce, bot. 1 lb.15c
Blue Rose Chili Sauce, bot.22c
Assorted Tins, can10c
Campbell's Tomato Soup, can10c
Empire Wax Beans, can12c
Pompey Olive Oil, 1 lb.15c and 12c
Horse Radish, bot.10c
Slade's Salad Dressing, big bot.25c
New Can Apples10c
Slade's Catsup10c
Slade's Mustard10c
Le Touraine Coffee, lb.10c
Clover Chow, bot.10c
Onion Salad, bot.10c
Shredded Coconut, pkgs.10c
Pop Corn, pkgs.10c
Van Camp's Milk10c and 12c

Feidler's Fatal Fluid, bot.25c

Grape Juice, bot.5c and 10c

Tomato Catsup

15c Bottles, 11c

Snider's Bot. 18c

Compound LAKE WHITE—30

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Lakeview Ave. to Keefe St.
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Fancy Selected Fowl OUR BIG SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK 25c

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GOLD MEDAL FLOUR, 24 1/2 lb. bag, \$1.55

Boiling Pieces, lb.14c, 12c
Chuck Roast, lb.15c, 13c
Fancy Cuts Chuck, lb.16c, 14c
Middle Cuts Chuck, lb.19c, 17c
Rib Cuts Chuck, lb.21c, 19c
Prime Rib Roast, lb.19c, 17c
Tip End Sirloin Roast, lb.21c, 19c

Gen. Lamb Leg and Loin, lb.28c
Legs of Genuine Lamb lb.32c, 30c
Genuine Lamb Fores, lb.23c, 25c
Lamb to Stew, select pcs., lb.12c

Small Pork Loins, lb.23c, 27c
Fresh Shoulders23c, 25c, 27c
Fresh Pork Butts, lb.25c, 27c
Fresh Pork Loins, lb.23c, 25c, 27c
Fresh Pigs' Feet, 2 lbs.17c

Milk Fed Fowl, lb.24c, 27c
Vermont Turkeys, lb.28c, 32c, 35c
Rhode Island Ducks, lb.23c, 25c
Maryland Geese, lb.25c, 29c

Armour's Star Hams, lb.32c
Smoked Shoulders, lb.21 1/2c, 25c
Danahy's Bacon, strip, lb.39c
John Morrell's Bacon, lb.39c
Home Cured, lean, lb.34c
Smoked Brisket Bacon, lb.37c
Scotch Style Bacon, lb.35c

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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

The following letter from the front has been received by a member of The Sun staff from Private Albert D. Hutton, a Lawrence boy, who was formerly employed in The Sun composing department and who is now in France with Battery C.

Dear Mr. McCurdy: Just a line to let you know that I have not forgotten you and the old gang on The Sun. We have been here, as you all undoubtedly know, for some time. We had quite a voyage coming over and we were all glad when land was sighted on the 12th day. I cannot tell you a great deal about this place for the board of censorship will not allow us to go into detail about our excitements and surroundings.

However, I will say that the women and children have taken up this work. The men were obliged to leave to take up arms. They work with a will and hope that their labors will assist in destroying the enemy's power and eventually the sinful ambitions of the Kaiser.

With this aim in view they are sure of success, but a speedy success and end to the war is what they look forward to. We Americans are here to assist them in their endeavor and as Americans usually do what they set out to do, we will surely make good. We have the spirit and that counts in our favor a good deal.

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EXEMPT MARRIED MEN TO CALL ONLY CLASS 1

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—All men for the war armies still to be raised by the United States will come from Class 1 under the new selective service plan. That means the nation's fighting is to be done by young men without families dependent upon their labor for support and unskilled in necessary industrial or agricultural work.

Provost Marshal General Crowder announces the new policy in an exhaustive report upon the operation of the selective draft law submitted yesterday to Secretary Baker and sent to congress.

He says Class 1 should provide men for all military needs of the country, and to accomplish that object he urges amendment to the draft law so as to provide that all men who have reached their 21st birthday since June 5, 1917, or who do so hereafter, shall be required to register for classification.

Also, in the interest of fair distribution of the military burden, he proposes that the quotas of states or districts be determined hereafter on the basis of the number of men in Class 1 and not upon population.

Million Men in Class One

Available figures indicate, the report says, that there are 1,000,000 men physically and otherwise qualified under the present registration, who will be found in Class 1 when all questionnaires have been returned and the classification period ends Feb. 15. To this, the extension of registration to men turning 21 since June 5 of last year and thereafter will add 700,000 effective men a year.

Class 1 comprised single men without dependent relatives, married men who have habitually failed to support their families, who are dependent upon wives for support or not usefully engaged, and whose families are supported independent of their labor; unskilled farm laborers, unskilled industrial laborers, registrants by or in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made, registrants who fail to submit questionnaires and in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made, and all registrants not included in any other division of the schedule.

Narrowed down under the analysis of the first draft made in the report, the plan places upon unattached single men and married men with independent incomes most of the weight of military duty, for the aggregate number of men in the other divisions of class one is very small.

First Draft Big Success

Gen. Crowder finds that the first

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draft surpassed the highest expectations of the friends of the selective service plan. He pays high tribute, not only to the thousands of civilians who gave ungrudging service to making the plan a success, but also to the high patriotism of the American people as a whole.

"At the president's call," he says, "all ranks of the nation voluntarily entered the war, nevertheless instantly responded to the first call of the nation with a vigorous and unselfish co-operation that submerged all individual interests in a single endeavor toward the consummation of the national task."

It takes it that no great national project was ever attempted with so complete a reliance upon the voluntary co-operation of citizens for its execution. Certainly no such burdensome and sacrificial statute had ever before been executed without a great hierarchy of officials.

"This law has been administered by civilians whose official relation lies only in necessary powers with which they are vested by the president's designation of them to perform the duties that are laid upon them. They have accomplished the task."

"They have made some mistakes. The system offers room for improvement. But the great thing they were called upon to do they have done. The vaunted efficiency of absolutism, of which the German empire stands as the avatar, can offer nothing to compare with it. It remains the ultimate test and proof of the intrinsic political ideas upon which American institutions of democracy and self-government have been based."

Slackers Only .00023 Per Cent.

Analyzing the first draft, Gen. Crowder shows that 9,536,508 men between the ages of 21 and 31 years registered themselves. Up to late in December, only 6870 arrests had been made of those who sought to evade registration and of that number 3263 were released after having registered, and there remains only 2995 cases to be prosecuted. The report declares that in the final analysis of the records it will be shown that only .00023 per cent of the men within the draft age evaded registration.

A rough figure of 3.3 per cent, is given as the number of registrants who failed to appear when called by their local boards for examination, but Gen. Crowder explains that most of the men already are in Europe in the American, British and French armies.

"The final data will undoubtedly show," Gen. Crowder added, "the number of those who willfully failed to appear for examination when called is insignificant."

Physically Unfit 23.7 Per Cent.

Of the total registration of 9,536,508, the number called and examined was 3,082,949, and of these 1,067,393 were certified for military service. Since the first call was for only 687,000 men, there now remain 270,393 men awaiting summons.

Of all men examined, 730,554, or 23.7 per cent, were rejected for physical reasons. That, it is pointed out, shows an encouraging picture of the physical condition of young men of the nation since Civil War days, for at that time the draft authorities rejected 33 per cent of all men called on physical grounds.

About one-half of all men called, or 1,550,570, claimed exemption. The claims of 78 per cent of these were granted, showing, in the opinion of officials, that very few fraudulent claims were filed. Of those exempted, 74 per cent were released because of dependent relatives; 20 per cent, because they claimed alien birth and nationality, and only 6 per cent on vocational grounds.

Less than 1 per cent of the exemptions were granted on religious grounds or to those morally unfit. The figures are 3887 exempted because of religious belief, their exemption extending only to release from participating in actual combat, and 2000 rejected for moral unfitness. The majority of the latter were in prison.

Total Cost \$5 Per Man

The total cost of the first draft, exclusive of the cost of the provost marshal general's office here, was \$5,211,965. This amount has been refunded to the states by the federal government. It represents an average cost of \$4.32 per man accepted for military service and with the provost marshal general's expenses included \$5 per man, against a cost of \$2.18 per voluntary recruit in 1914. In 1915 and 1916, the first nine months of 1917, prior to the draft act, during the Civil war, the cost per man was about \$2.34 after the draft was enforced, about \$2.34.

In discussing the future of the draft, Gen. Crowder says that the first duty is to provide an adequate army. Economic considerations must be regarded in selecting the men, he says, but not at the expense of an efficient fighting force.

Viewed beside the efforts Germany and Austria have put forth, to place man power in the field, he adds, "it little becomes us to emphasize above a whisper as a substantial national problem anything we have yet been called upon to do."

Many Aliens Waived Exemption

Tables accompanying the report show many striking results of the draft. Taking the total of 1,243,801 aliens registered, it is shown that of the 47,713 called up for examination 76,545 were certified for military service, having voluntarily waived their



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right to exemption as aliens and in effect volunteered for the battle for democracy. Even of the 23,118 exempted on other grounds than their alien status.

There was evident some variation of practice among the states on the question of exempting married men. In Mississippi the board held 38 per cent of all married men called for service; in Wisconsin and North Dakota only 8 per cent were held. After further study of the results it is expected of efforts will be made to unify the practice of boards more closely in this respect.

Montana led among the states in the number of men called who filed no claim for exemption. Figures for that state show that 80 per cent of men called up were ready to go to the front. Kentucky had the greatest number of exemption claims, 52 per cent of all men called filing affirmative claims and from every viewpoint the results were wholly successful.

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GROUP MEETING BY LOWELL COUNCIL AND SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Lowell Council and School of Religious Education held four group meetings yesterday afternoon and evening in the interest of the propaganda work of the school. Professor L. A. Olney and E. T. Shaw, chairman and treasurer of the Lowell Board of Religious Education, arranged the meetings and from every viewpoint the gatherings were wholly successful.

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training and told of the readiness of Boston university to help in the work as part of its extension activities.

In the evening 40 prominent local church men gathered at the Y.M.C.A. and after supper listened to addresses by Professor Richardson, Herbert E. Smith, prominent in church work, and Rev. W. A. Woodbury, president of the council and Rev. Appleton Grannis. Each speaker took up the subject of religious education from various points of view.

In connection with the development

TRACE DISEASE TO CONSTIPATION

One of the points on which different schools of medicine practically agree is that about 95 of all human disease is directly traceable to intestinal putrefaction of stomach waste due to inactivity of the bowels, or constipation. The eliminative process is an essential factor in digestion and on its proper functioning depends the welfare of the entire system.

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of religious education in Lowell, a community sing is to be held each Thursday evening at 7.15 which will be open to everyone except children and for which no fee will be charged. It is to be conducted by Professor H. Augustine Smith of Boston.

MERCANTILE CLERKS' ASSN.

A special meeting of the members of the Lowell Mercantile Clerks' association was held last evening in Mathews hall with President Michael Mahoney in the chair. The meeting was called for the purpose of making further arrangements for the dancing party to be conducted in the near future under the auspices of the organization and considerable business was transacted. The committee in charge of the coming event reported that over 800 tickets had been sold with the prospect of many other sales. It was also reported that Broderick's orchestra had been hired for the occasion and that in the course of the evening a buffet luncheon will be served. The event will be conducted in Lincoln hall.

MID-WINTER PICNIC

A very successful mid-winter picnic was conducted by the People's club in its quarters last evening, and the affair was attended by about 60 pupils who spent a most enjoyable evening. The hall was decorated with Christmas trees to remind those present that the Yuletide season was still on and the trees were covered with a series of funny readings, which had a good effect on the audience.

In the course of the evening, games were played and races were held. The winner of the potato race was Miss Minnegan, while the three-legged race was won by Misses Catherine Hayes and Margaret Ward. The matrons of the evening were Miss C. A. Fisher and Miss J. M. Ockington.

Passenger trains of a western railway are hauling coal cars hitched with Pullmans in an effort to relieve the coal shortage of towns near Sioux Falls, S. D.

ASKS WOMEN OF BRITISH AND CANADIAN BIRTH TO HELP RECRUITING

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The aid of women of British and Canadian birth in this state is sought by Capt. Kenneth D. Marlatt of the British and Canadian Recruiting mission in Massachusetts, in a communication made public today. Capt. Marlatt said that the mission was obtaining from 20 to 30 recruits a day at its headquarters here, but that from 500 to 600 were needed within a week. He urges the women to "bring or send" at least one recruit each.

MACHINISTS MEET

A regular meeting of the members of Lowell lodge, 153, International Order of Machinists, was held last evening in the fellows hall, Middlesex street, and considerable business was transacted. A favorable report was received from the committee in charge of the coming dancing party to be given under the auspices of the lodge, and it was announced that the installation of officers will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14, at which time a service flag containing 24 stars will be unfurled.

Open a "New Year's" account in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, January 5, 1918, is "Quarter Day."

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SEC. BAKER TO SPEED UP ARMY PREPARATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Recommendation of the American war mission troops be sent to France as rapidly as possible will not result in any change in the general plan of training the soldiers in the United States. This was made plain yesterday by Secretary Baker in a general discussion of the efforts of the war department promptly to carry out the mission's suggestions.

All energies will be devoted to speeding up production of munitions and equipment, and this, with the agreement of the allies to furnish the necessary ships and equipment, is expected to result in the dispatch of armies abroad much sooner than was at first thought possible.

Neither ships nor heavy artillery for any great force would be available on this side of the Atlantic for some time. Efforts to speed up the ordnance bureau's work were reflected in Secretary Baker's announcement of the reorganization of the bureau with experienced business men at the head of the several divisions which will have charge of the general work.

Reorganization of the quartermaster department under Maj. Gen. Goehals, acting quartermaster general, along the line existing some years ago when there was a commissary general and a paymaster general, also has been suggested. Gen. Goehals is said to favor this plan, and in this connection it is understood that Maj. Gen. James A. Aleshire, the former paymaster general, and his assistant, Maj. Gen. C. K. Devel, will be recalled to active service.

Opportunity for changes in the department, it is pointed out, will be given soon by the retirement on their own applications of Brig. Gen. A. L. Smith and Brig. Gen. Thomas Cruise, assistants to the quartermaster general.

Steps to increase the efficiency of the army machine also have been taken by the newly created war council of the war department. These are understood to include approval of a plan whereby the most efficient officers will be placed in charge of the more important work in their departments, with removal of an officer regarded by his immediate chief as unsuited for the duties he is performing.

U. S. LOSS TO U-BOATS LESS THAN 1 PER CENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Admiral Benson, chief of operations, told the house naval committee yesterday it was folly to believe there was any loss of morale among German submarine crews and that from information gathered from German prisoners he believed the morale was the best in the German navy.

During the session, which was in private, in the course of the committee's investigation of the navy's part in the war, Admiral Benson is also said to have told the congressmen a court of inquiry found that some mistake as to convoy might have contributed to the loss of the transport Antilles, torpedoed by a German submarine, the first important military loss of the war.

Admiral Benson also said frankly that submarine chasers did not come up to expectations and that he was responsible personally for not building any considerable number.

The number of American ships torpedoed, he said, was less than 1 per cent of those going into and out of the submarine zone under escort.

MAINE HAN TRAVELED 1500 MILES TO ENLIST IN U. S.

SACO, Me., Jan. 4.—W. C. Webster, son of Charles H. Webster of Buxton, a teacher in the schools at Porto Rico, traveled 1500 miles to enlist in the United States service.

He was examined by the draft board here for service in the quartermaster's corps and expected to go to Jacksonville, Fla., for training, but orders were received that the department in which he had enlisted had been filled and for him to remain here until a place could be found for him.

Webster, who was a student at University of Maine, secured a leave of absence from his studies last fall and went to Porto Rico to teach school.

BAPTISTS, CONGREGATIONALISTS AND METHODISTS UNITE TO SAVE COAL

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Jan. 4.—It is believed that the union community service of the First Baptist and the First Methodist churches, which will be held at the Baptist church the coming Sunday, will be the first such service in the Lower Connecticut valley, and possibly in the whole state. The Baptist ritual will be employed; a Methodist pastor, Rev. William D. Beach, will officiate, assisted by Congregational deacons.

The four churches mentioned have voted to unite for three months to save coal, but it was only after deliberations lasting two weeks that all could bring their constitutions to the point of uniting together for the community service.

SOLDIERS' BEAUTY CONTEST

The soldiers' beauty contest held in Associate hall last evening attracted a fair-sized number of uniformed men from Camp Devens but owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not as large as it might have been. During the evening, musical dancing was held with Minor-Davies' orchestra, furnishing the music. The judges decided that the three neatest appearing men in uniform were:

First, Corp. Ralph A. Budley, Battery B, 5th regular, heavy-field artillery, unattached; second, Private

Archie Chapman, third, Private Edgar of the 2nd Infantry, Camp Devens.

The judges were John J. Gilbride, Charles Landers and John P. Golden. The officers of the dance were: General manager, George Raney; floor director, Daniel H. Quinn.

15 FAMILIES DRIVEN OUT INTO ZERO ATMOSPHERE

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 4.—Fifteen families were driven out into the zero atmosphere last night. Some mothers with babies in their arms, and \$50,000 damage was caused by a fire in the Radding block at 425 Chestnut street, which started from overheated steam pipes. The building contained but few fire stops, and the flames were driven through the five-story structure to the roof.

The fire department had the blaze under control within a half hour after they reached it, but were obliged to drown the building in water and chop it extensively to locate the flames. Practically all the tenants driven out lost their household and personal belongings. The families were cared for by neighbors.

INDICTMENT OF CONG. NELSON QUASHED

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 4.—The indictment charging Congressman John M. Nelson and his son, Byron Nelson, with conspiracy to evade the selective law, was quashed by Judge Charles Carpen-

ter of Chicago, in Federal District court here yesterday afternoon, on the ground that it was faulty and insufficient. The government may take the matter to the circuit court of appeals.

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"The ruling of the circuit court of appeals will, of course, be controlling in the case of the son, Byron Nelson, for it will pass directly on the question as to whether the boy was legally required to register."

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\$200,000 HOTEL FIRE IN NORTH ATTLEBORO

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Jan. 4.—Fire last evening destroyed the Emerson building, the largest frame structure in Bristol county, and the loss, \$200,000, is the heaviest the town has suffered in years. The building was occupied by the Emerson hotel of 75 rooms, all of which were rented; Atlantic & Pacific Tea company, Western Union Telegraph company, Edward Angelen, tailor; Carpenter Hardware company; James McCabe, news dealer, and John Stout, tailor, all losing their complete stocks and furnishings. The hotel guests were able with help to save most of their personal property.

The fire, which started at 6 o'clock, was discovered by Robert Johnson, who sent in an alarm from box 8. Asst. Engineers Henry Batchelder and Fred Gehring of the fire department at once sent for help. Attleboro, Central Falls and Pawtucket sending apparatus. The firemen directed their efforts towards saving the adjoining building, and were successful.

Joseph McAvoy, attached to Hose 1, North Attleboro, slipped on ice and fractured a leg. The building, erected in 1871 by Frank O. Emerson, was owned by Harrison C. Swift of Attleboro.

TO TRAIN FIELD WORKERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A school for the training of field workers, who will serve at the various cantonments and at the front in foreign service, has just been opened at the Central Jewish Institute, New York City, by the Jewish board for welfare work in the United States army and navy, of which Colonel Harry Cutler is chair-

man. The school is under the direction of Chester Jacob Teller, the well-known Jewish social service worker, who is executive director of the board, which, under the leadership of Jacob H. Schiff, has just secured the \$1,000,000 needed to carry out its work in the United States and abroad, during the coming year.

MILLIONAIRE SOLDIER GOING TO WAR SCHOOL AT CAMP DEV- ENS, AYER

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 4.—Downing P. Brown, millionaire lumberman, who has been serving as a private at Camp Devens and was promoted to sergeant, has been certified to attend the officers' training school which is to open January 5.

Mr. Brown has two nephews, sons of Herbert J. Brown of this city, commissioned recently. He has been associated with the Berlin mills and Burgess Sulphite companies of this city, and Berlin, N. H.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN
LOWELL TODAY

District Attorney Nathan D. Tufts came to Lowell today to meet all persons interested in criminal cases that are to come up in the session at Cambridge on Monday morning. He came to Lowell for the convenience of Lowell people and was at the court house in Gorham street at 9 o'clock. He was accompanied by Deputy District Attorney Frederick W. Postick and Messenger Doyle.

"I came to Lowell," said Mr. Tufts, "to accommodate Lowell lawyers who

NATHAN A. TUFTS
District Attorney

have cases to come up at Cambridge on Monday. I figured that it would be much easier for me to come to Lowell than for the lawyers to come to Cambridge.

The district attorney remained in his office at the court house until 11:30 o'clock and later took luncheon at the Richardson hotel. During his stay at the court house he heard 14 cases and talked with all the attorneys interested in the cases. He also held a conference with Chief of Police Edmund Welch in relation to cases in which the chief is interested.

MAKES FINE RECORD

District Attorney Tufts is completing his first year in office and he has made a record of which he may well be proud. His administration, not only business-like and economical, but he has won the approval of courts and people. Beginning his term with 83 cases pending and about 550 cases in arrears, in addition, when the November term of court adjourned on the day before Thanksgiving there was not one case left that could be acted upon. During the year there were about 1800 new cases, and new cases and old were all cleared up, excepting about 25, which were held up because of civil suits pending, defendants not appearing or already confined in various institutions, or were continuing to delay the application of the defendant's lawyers. The average number of cases put through by the district attorney's office each day of court was 25 and the biggest day saw 31 cases disposed of. The clerk of the court, who has been connected with the office for 21 years, declares that he has never known the criminal docket to be in better condition.

In spite of the vast amount of business transacted, District Attorney Tufts will complete the year with \$18,000 under his appropriation, which amounted to \$19,000. The total expense of \$11,000 is the lowest for any year in the history of the office. The office has increased because of legislation, labor laws, automobile cases and the general increase of population. This requires more clerks and the district attorney has two assistants and one deputy. Mr. Tufts has enforced a new policy of keeping his office open continually, whether he is in session or not, and business is transacted promptly and efficiently. The receipts of the office for this year are \$12,150, which are about \$5000 greater than the receipts of any previous year.

In the mass of business connected with the office there are several important cases of more than usual interest. One of these was the commonwealth against James Wakelin of Mel-

rose, for a crime committed on June 1, 1916, the prosecution of which had been abandoned as hopeless. District Attorney Tufts took it up and Wakelin was convicted of manslaughter. The case attracted wide attention. The little Wakelin girl was found dead in the woods, apparently having been murdered on her way to school, and after she was followed without result.

Another important case was the commonwealth against Graceffa, a homicide case in which Graceffa, who was convicted of manslaughter, was sentenced to state prison for from 15 to 18 years.

A third triumph for the district attorney's office was the breaking up of the auto theft industry which began to flourish in Middlesex county in the fall of last year. Forty indictments were returned, and several thieves have been sentenced already and others are being tried. Since the round-up, auto thefts in this county have diminished by 80 per cent.

MEN FROM ICE BOUND
SHIPS WALK 4 MILES

WOODS HOLE, Jan. 4.—Capt. Dayton and two men from the three-masted schooner Mona, ice bound in Buzzards bay, walked four miles over the ice today to Pasque Island seeking assistance. The skipper reported that the vessel had only one day's provisions for her five men and that her fuel was exhausted, the fires having been fed for some days from the cargo of lumber.

The Mona, bound from St. John, N. B., for Saunderson, R. I., was caught in the ice last Saturday midway between Pasque Island and New Bedford and although three anchors were let down Capt. Dayton said she was gradually working toward the island and probably would be a total wreck unless there was an immediate improvement in the weather conditions. Two other schooners apparently in the same predicament, could be seen from the Mona, he said.

WAR CAUSES SHORTAGE
OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The public school and the private school systems of the state are today confronted with a serious situation, because of the ever-growing shortage in the number of public school and private school teachers. This outlook was yesterday viewed by Dr. Payson Smith, state commissioner of education, who attributed it to teachers leaving the teaching vocation for higher salaries paid by the government and private concerns and to the demands of the war times. The elder teachers are said to be re-training at their educational posts, but the younger ones are declared to have left, some to engage directly in war activities and others to seek more lucrative employment in government and private commercial employ. These tendencies are said to be exercising an influence on the young men of normal school age, with the result that comparatively few are now entering the normal schools.

REPORT AMBASSADOR
NAON HAS RESIGNED

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine, Jan. 4.—It is reported, without confirmation, that Dr. R. S. Naon, the ambassador at Washington, has resigned in consequence of friction arising from the publication of the secret telegrams sent by Count von Lutzburg, before his dismissal as German minister to Argentina, to Berlin, through the medium of the Swedish legation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Dr. Naon, the Argentine ambassador, when informed of the foregoing dispatch from Buenos Aires, said there was no comment he could make and added in response to a question as to whether he had resigned, "Not that I know of."

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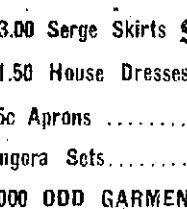
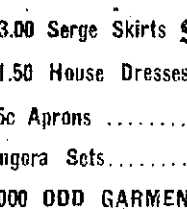
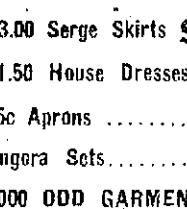
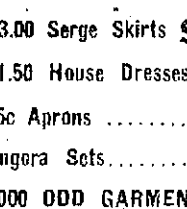
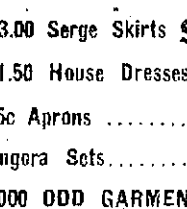
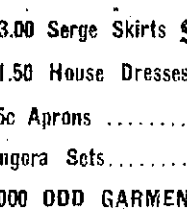
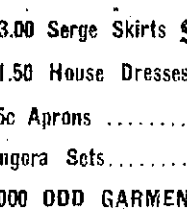
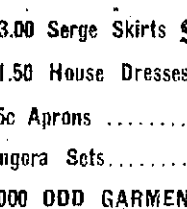
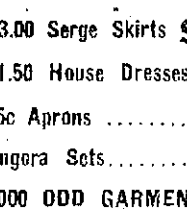
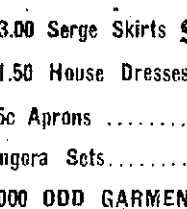
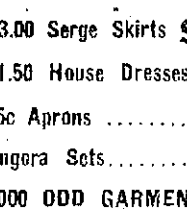
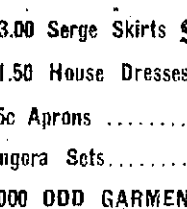
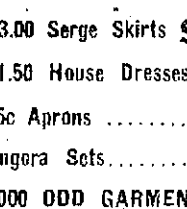
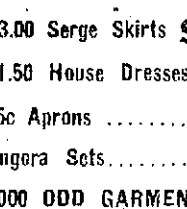
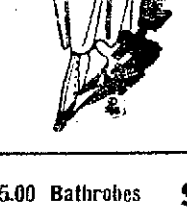
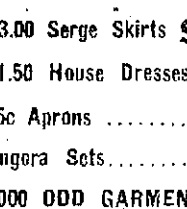
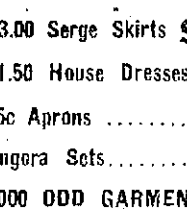
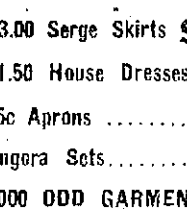
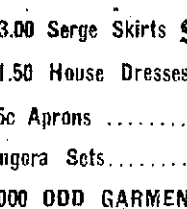
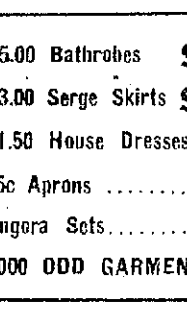
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GLORIOUS FRENCH VICTORY

Again have the French troops covered themselves with glory in their dashing defeat of the Austrian massed forces on Mt. Tomba in Italy. They captured more prisoners than they had men engaged and left 560 men dead on the field while their loss was but 50 men. In this feat of arms, the French have made a new record in the annals of war. The Austrians had not been meeting an enemy trained in the modern art of war as are the French troops. This victory is significant as proving that the Toulon drive in Italy has not only been stopped but will soon be driven back and overcome.

THE GOVERNOR'S CRITICISM

In his inaugural address Governor McCall pointed out a number of questions with which the legislature will have to deal in the interests of the people; but he very properly insisted that the main thing is to support the government of the nation at war, to economize and conserve the resources of the state so as to be able to render the greatest service with a minimum disturbance to local industries. That everything else is to be subordinated to the necessities of war, is the gist of the governor's message. Touching the question of peace, he claimed that it is better to consider a claim fraudulently made than to run the risk of ignoring an honest proposition of peace. On this line, he threw out what is apparently a veiled criticism of President Wilson when he said:

"When our adversary states particular terms, when he puts himself in the way with us, our thoughts should take some definite shape in response and not proceed themselves in vague, even if noble generalizations, which, however much they may do honor to our moral nature are for the purposes of the occasion wholly meaningless and negative and carry nothing from one nation to another. In an enemy fairly well tells us what he will give and it is too late, let us tell him what we will accept."

If that criticism is directed at President Wilson, we hold that it is unjust inasmuch as the central powers at no time made any definite statement of peace terms until their recent proposition to Russia and already they have broken away from that. President Wilson has stated in the most plain and precise language what we are fighting for and on what conditions we shall make peace. There is no room for criticism on that point. As an outline of policy to be followed in the future, the governor's advice is all right, and if he takes an unprejudiced view of President Wilson's utterances on the war, he will not find any justification for this cynical criticism.

DESTROY U-BOAT BASES

While the U-boats keep on sinking the ships of the allied powers without any apparent diminution, there is as yet no effective means of preventing this loss of life and treasure.

The American destroyers joined the British navy in combatting the submarines soon after our declaration of war in April and have since been doing good work along the lines adopted for meeting this menace. But still there is little change in the weekly toll demanded by the German submarines. If the allied fleets are sinking more, the Germans must be building more than formerly, in order to keep ahead of the game.

Last week there were 23 vessels sunk, eighteen British merchant men of 1500 tons or over, together with three under 1500 tons. The record is slightly below that of some other weeks, yet perhaps above the average. It is very plain that no effective plan of defeating the submarine has yet been discovered. There is talk of what might be done, of methods evolved by various inventors, but with the exception of the depth bombs and the smoke screen, a runaway make-shift, there is not a scheme yet evolved that is worthy of adoption.

The question arises then, is this desultory warfare on the high seas to go on until the end of the war? It would really appear so, inasmuch as we are told by men in authority that the only way the U-boats can be overcome is by building ships faster than the submarines can sink them. That is a weak and cowardly method of fighting the submarines.

Indeed it is not fighting them at all. It is, on the contrary a method of lying down before them.

Why should this be so? The submarines must have bases. They must come out of the Kiel canal or from a base on the German coast between Braden and Cuxhaven, probably from the intervening part of Wilhelmshaven or from Heligoland, the island off the coast opposite the mouth of the Kiel canal.

It is known to the Allies where the submarines are built. Why not destroy that factory? The new "subs" must pass out to sea by the open and direct route. They have never been molested or attacked in that route. Why? Where are the submarines of the Allies? Why cannot the submarines of the latter embark upon a campaign of destruction of the German submarines when leaving their bases? These are confined to a narrow channel before they get out of the North sea. Why not catch them there and dispose of them before they get out into the open ocean?

It seems to be high time to attempt something of this kind. It might be said that the undertaking would be

perilous inasmuch as the water there is thickly strewn with mines. As the German submarines can pass out and in it must be within the range of possibility for other submarines to do the same.

If there is any possibility of a submarine detective, a small submarine with eyes below the surface, then it seems Yankee genius should furnish it.

We have been boasting of what Edison, John Hays Hammond and other inventors would do. Well, they have had a chance to show some effective device for fighting the submarines, but they have as yet produced nothing practical.

In ingenuity and daring, Germany is outwitting the allied powers including the United States, and there seems to be no prospect of a change in the situation unless it be planned to attack the submarine bases.

Germany has her grand fleet in hiding in the Kiel canal awaiting the time when the submarines will have broken England's sea power, hoping then to come out in the open, defeat the remnant of the British navy and capture the city of London.

Doubtless that was the Kaiser's original intention and he might have come very near its realization but for the entrance of the United States to the conflict.

Germany may be balked in her original design of smashing England's supremacy at sea, but thus far the British navy has not made any attempt to follow up the German warships and destroy them in their hiding places. That this will be attempted is improbable. That it will not, will stand as a stigma to British naval prowess.

It is hinted that after America gets into the fray, the Allies will have such supremacy in the air that they will attack the submarine bases and destroy them. That work should be done by the allied submarines and destroyers rather than by the aircraft.

You May Find It In Stocking

Cincinnati authority says your troublesome corns just loosen and fall off

Sore corns, hard corns, soft corns or corns between the toes just loosen in their sockets and fall off the next day if you will apply directly upon the corn a few drops of a drug called Frezzone, says a Cincinnati authority.

You merely put a drop or two of this Frezzone on the tender, touchy corn today and instantly the corns burst, then tomorrow sometime you may find the old torturous corn somewhere in your stocking, having fallen off entirely without a particle of soreness, pain or irritation. The skin surrounding and beneath the former corn will be as healthy, pink and smooth as the palm of your hand.

A quarter ounce of Frezzone is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn and callus, and any druggist will charge but a few cents for it. It is a compound made from ether,

Moreover, Germany has been raiding the British coast at frequent intervals. Is it not possible for England to raid the part of the German coast that is equally open to the sea? It would be too hazardous to attempt to enter the Baltic by the Skagerrack and Cattagat, but this is not necessary. In all probability the chief submarine bases are on the North sea front. If the submarine menace were stopped, the war would be quickly ended. Why there has been no attempt to reach these murdering sea monsters in their lair is a puzzle even to fairly intelligent men who realize that there are difficulties such as mines to be overcome. But the world that has suffered so much and lost so much, would like to see such an attempt made.

It might be costly, but even so, would it not pay in the long run if done with proper force and well laid strategy.

If there is no other way of beating the submarines, it is up to the Allies and particularly to England, which suffers most from their attacks, to go after them, destroy their bases and even the factories in which they are built, and keep up the work until the pet scheme of Admiral Von Tirpitz for unrestricted submarine frightfulness shall have been effectually defeated.

SEEN AND HEARD

The height of absurdity—Some women's French heels.

A contented man is one who has everything he wants, and wants everything he has.

It is all right to conserve food by eating corn if we don't dine too often with the "chickens."

At this season of the year running the lawn mower seems much easier than toiling with the snow shovel.

The poet who always waits for inspiration before he writes isn't likely to inflict much poetry on a patient and long-suffering world.

The man who makes it a rule always to throw circulars in the waste basket unread misses a good many opportunities and some interesting things.

A Boy With a Future
Ellis Porret Blister, the fly-fishing expert, said at a banquet:

"The prime virtue of a good angler is patience. No man or boy ever developed into a successful fisherman who hadn't at least twice the patience of Job."

"There's a boy in Shawnee who is going to make a champion one of these days. I saw him fishing the other afternoon on the bank of a creek and said to him, 'What are you fishing for, son?'"

"Snags," said he.

"What are snags?" said I.

"I dunno," said the boy. "I ain't never caught none yet."—Washington Star.

A Puzzled Butcher
In an East Cleveland meat shop we interviewed our favorite butcher on the subject of conservation, economy and such like. He said in part:

"There's some of this war-time economy that I don't seem to be able to understand. Now there's the subject of lamb chops. For instance, a big bunch of my women customers have finally impressed their consciences with the resolve to buy no lamb chops, because if lambs aren't killed they will grow up to sheep. Now, that's all right, and I'm for 'em. But what do you think they buy instead of lamb chops? Leg of lamb!"

"I'm not kidding. Of every lamb we sell we sell the legs and the shoulders immediately, but have the chops left on our hands. The women seem to think that the chops are what grow up to sheep. And all the time an exciting five-reeler was being unwound for the delectation of the rest of the audience, those not in the vicinity of the side attraction. And not once did the couple look at the picture, which set the observer wondering why they should pay 34 cents to come in there to inspect their Christmas gifts."

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Man and Maid at the Movies
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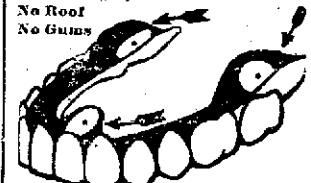
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and at Yaphank went over thick trees like a hippopotamus trampling weeds, and even negotiated the streets of Manhattan. But there are limits. Brooklyn and Queens were too much for her.

Near the Brooklyn navy yard she fell from a freight car the other day and "suffered contusions about the face and body," as the police slips put it. Receiving first aid, she made her way to Queens.

She stumbled along, giving Long Island City a thrill, until she reached the Queensboro bridge approach. Then she struck, grunting and straining. No use, she couldn't make the grade which has daunted many a motorist. Finally a number of motor trucks gave her

SOCIETY GIRL WHO BRAVED BOMBS

Miss Stevens of Newport, R. I., and New Jersey, has just returned from her work as a nurse in the American hospital in France. The girl, a member



ELSIE STEVENS

of one of the most prominent New Jersey families, won high praise for her daring and bravery in working fearlessly in zones within range of the Hebe artillery and bombs.

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Some people who are troubled with worms, or whose children sometimes suffer that way, try to get rid of the trouble by using worm tablets, worm lozenges or worm candy. They fail to get the quick results that can be obtained with Dr. True's Elixir, the family laxative and worm expeller. In fact, Dr. True's Elixir, a liquid medicine, is positively better than any worm tablets, worm lozenges or worm candy. There is no remedy that can compare with Dr. True's Elixir for quickly expelling worms, whether they are stomach worms or pin worms. Besides that, your stomach is toned up and normal action of the bowels is restored when you take Dr. True's Elixir. It is a doctor's preparation, originated by Dr. True and on the market more than 60 years. Dr. True's Elixir, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, pleasantly and easily and quickly expels worms and makes you feel much better. Remember that when you or your children are troubled with worms, don't take those worm lozenges, tablets or candy that may upset you, but use Dr. True's Elixir that tones and soothes stomach and bowels and expels worms. Lots of people have worms and don't know it. Most all children have worms.

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Special to The Sun
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan.—Shall special immigration of foreign labor solve America's war production problems?

Two current events have combined to start discussion along the Pacific coast of this new angle to the war labor problem. And western employers and labor leaders unite in saying that congress will soon have to face an emergency solution.

The occurrences bringing the suggestion of alien workers sharply into the foreground are:

(1)—A plea made to the California railroad commission by H. B. Tice, maintenance expert of the Southern Pacific lines, who says: "If America's trains are to be kept on schedule the immigration literacy test must be suspended, at least temporarily, to permit an influx of Mexican labor to care for road beds."

(2)—A report brought to San Francisco by J. S. Pearson from Shanghai that thousands of Chinese agricultural laborers are eager to come to the Pacific coast to work on American farms as a war emergency measure.

While American youth by thousands are shouldering rifles, they are leaving the farms and industry in the west with an acute need for men to wield the shovel and the hoe.

Practically all the manual labor of the Pacific coast was once performed by Chinese. But they have been excluded since 1872. And those already in the country have percolated into other lines of toil until today the supply of Chinese labor has dwindled to a negligible quantity.

When the European war broke out it was estimated there were over 300,000 Mexican laborers in California, Arizona and New Mexico. This number has been reduced by over 40 per cent due to clever propaganda, ascribed to Germans, which frightened them back across the border.

They are prevented from returning by the literacy test, which, contrary to popular impression, requires that the immigrant must be literate in his own language. In addition he must pay a head tax of \$3.

Here, then, is the labor situation in the west today.

War's demand calls for a doubling of production in all lines.

Simultaneously, army volunteering and selective service depicts the ranks of labor.

Chinese as manual laborers are experienced waitresses wanted at once at D. L. Page Co. Apply to Mr. Cole.

excluded.

Mexicans, formerly the great reliance for railroad labor, grading and construction, as well as in the big sugar beet ranches and fields in the coast states are as rigidly excluded, practically, by the new literacy test.

There are, however, still some 65,000 Mexicans in California alone, and an estimated additional number of 100,000 in New Mexico and Arizona.

The Pacific coast is sharply cleft on the issue. Organized labor professes to foresee in coolie importation the degradation of American workingmen to Oriental levels and the creation of an industrial Frankenstein, while thousands of farmers and orchardists are insisting that only by such importation can the west perform its part in the war.

California's state labor commissioner, after a survey of the situation, declares that the need for farm workers this past season was greatly exaggerated. Certain farmers' organizations have been accused of using patriotism as a cloak for opportunity to break down prevailing wage scales. They in turn charge wage hold-ups.

Thousands of high school boys during the past season aided in gathering the crops in California and adjacent states.

Ticecomb told the railroad commission that the Southern Pacific alone needs about 3000 laborers which it can't get. Other industries make the same point.

The north met its labor needs in part by importing negroes from the south.

Shall equally pressing needs of the west be met by lowering the bars to orientals and Mexicans?

Or would this course bring worse threats and penalties than those that lured up in the deadly race riots of East St. Louis and elsewhere?

Typical Mexican laborer who, prior to the war, bore the burdens of hardest manual labor in the west and for whose free admission into the United States big industrial concerns are now asking the government to suspend the immigration literacy test.

There are now an estimated 200,000 of him in the Pacific states.

Shall he, together with the Chinese coolie, be permitted to come in by hordes to take the place of American men leaving for the fighting front?

The Core of the Situation
The government is preparing to make a nation-wide survey of facts

relating to the need and supply of labor.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire has introduced a bill providing for importation of Chinese during the period of the war, Japan, keeping her coolers out of America under the "gentlemen's agreement," would undoubtedly regard it as a breach of faith if Chinese were permitted to come into the United States.

Labor conditions in the west have been reported to President Wilson by his special industrial mediation commission.

Labor and capital both accused of making extravagant statements based on considerations other than fact.

Lack of shipping would practically prevent importation of large bodies of coolies, even if exclusion laws were amended.

California ranchers who cried loudest of labor shortage now boast of harvesting largest crops on record in shortest time.

New immigration law already suspended in one instance to permit 2000 Mexicans to enter California for agricultural purposes.

GERMANS HONOR FRENCH AVIATOR

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The most moving story of the war is printed in Public Opinion. It is a description of a tribute paid by German aviators to the great French aviator, Guynemer, who was killed in an air battle behind the German lines.

The story is as follows:
The Chivalry of the Air
The disappearance of Guynemer was made known throughout the whole of the French air service, but no news of his death was to hand until on one of the French aerodromes a German aeroplane dropped a package. This package contained a uniform, pocket case and a letter. The uniform, which was bloodstained, belonged to the heroic and unfortunate aviator.

In the pocket case were blank notes.
The letter came from the commander of the German aviation corps on the western front. It contained an invitation to the French aviator corps to come and assist at the obsequies of Guynemer. The most complete security and absolute liberty of passage over the lines of fire were guaranteed, both for the journey out and return. It was expressly stated that the French aviators could fly close to the ground. No shot would be fired.

On the day fixed, at dawn, 15 French aviators, an entire squadron, with a captain at the head, traversed the enemy lines and made for the place indicated in the letter of invitation.

Almost snowed under but still in the game, Corp. Bill Looney writes a characteristic letter from Charlotte, N. C. in which were enclosed a few winter scenes snapped at camp. One represents Sergt. George Toye and himself on either end of a huge cross-saw saving wood, with Sergt. Elie Hart, Joe Perkins and some other Lowell soldiers superintending the job. The other pictures show the tents covered with snow. Mark to Sergt. Bill:

December 31, 1917.
Fren Jeem.—Tees a long tam before I write. Ben has ben ver beesy. A fren of mine son me a bok on how I learn French quess. So I guess I do purty good, ain't it?

We are now located in Camp No. 4 and we had some work getting here. We have had some regular northern weather, plenty of snow and very cold weather. The roads were so slippery that the mules couldn't haul the wagon, so they had the band get long ropes and sticks and pull the load a la Butler Vets on parade. We had to make two trips and the distance was two miles each way. So you can rest assured we went to bed early that night, and it was bitter cold. Some of the boys have taken snap-shots of the snow scenes. Enclosed please find a few snap-shots of our winter quarters. Say, Jim, if you have any time you will kindly look for the relatives of the men who wrote those songs

about the "Sunny South." The band will furnish music free for the luncheon.

This has been the coldest December here in 37 years. We go to bed with everything on but our hats. It is amusing to see some of the boys working the cross-cut saw. When Sergt. George Toye starts his morning exercise, that is a signal for a cheer. George is a good lawyer, but a better sawyer. The boys are getting to be regular aerobats, for they do the split with the axe.

The band boys were well remembered by their friends at home on Christmas. Sergt. Fred Campbell of our company received a beautiful linen table cover, a bath towel, a bath robe, a half dozen linen collars, "Babe" Rogers, a dandy hair brush and mirror. Sergt. Joe Perkins, a most beautiful set of side combs. H. McKimley, a mustache compound. H. Girard, a pair of skates. The Barbers union sent Corp. G. Courtois letters of presents.

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The suit sale, starting Wednesday, was such a monster success that we decided to add Coats and Dresses for Saturday's selling. Garments selling to \$45.00 at \$15.00.



A most wonderful assortment. Don't delay. War will be over before such values can be duplicated again. Every sale a loss to us and a gain to you.

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Charles H. Checkland of South Portland, foreman of the Lehigh Coal company here, was taken to a hospital with serious cuts about the legs and body and several others were injured by flying glass. Slippery rails caused the car to leave the track.

FORMER BOSTON LETTER CARRIER ACCUSED OF PRO-GERMANISM AT DENVER
DENVER, Colo., Jan. 4.—Perley Doe, 25, formerly a letter carrier of Boston, indicted by a federal grand jury here Saturday, was arrested yesterday at his home, 384 South Pearl street. He was jailed following an unsuccessful effort to furnish a bond of \$5000.

The indictment charges Doe with circulating through the mails and otherwise, untruthful accounts of speeches by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, and seeking to discourage enlistment and recruiting.

Investigation to the district attorney disclosed that Doe circulated his alleged pro-German literature in the form of "endless chain" letters and has admitted having mailed the propaganda, Washington officials and others.

Doe came here with his wife last February to obtain treatment for tuberculosis.

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Kind of tough, isn't it? Try ours. They are all right.

ASK FOR "Square Brand" EGGS 45c Doz.

RICH CREAM CHEESE 31c lb.

FISHER-QUEEN SARDINES Packed in Pure Olive Oil 2 Cans for 25c

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ALL SOAPS 6c ALL NATIONAL AND SUNSHINE PACKAGES—

8c value, for 6c 15c value, for 12 1/2c

BREAD FRESH DAILY 12 1/2c (1 loaf) Standard 1 1/2 lbs.

You Would Not Pay 20c For a Quart of Milk IF YOU COULD GET IT FOR 12 CENTS.

Then why pay more for your food than you have to? Our Standard of Quality is well known. Why Pay More Elsewhere?

WEEK-END SAVINGS

35c LEGS OF GENUINE LAMB 31c lb.
35c ROASTS OF SMALL PORK 28c lb.
35c SIRLOIN ROASTS 28c lb.
40c SIRLOIN STEAK 35c lb.
35c FAT SALT PORK 29c lb.

7c WHITE FLOATING SOAP (100 per cent pure) .6 for 25c
5c WASHING SOAP 9 Bars 25c
35c SWEETENED COCOA 29c lb.
13c CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP 10c
13c MULLER'S MACARONI 10c
EAGLE CREAMERY BUTTER 48c lb.

15c SHORE HADDOCK 20c lb.
35c SLICED HALIBUT 30c lb.
35c FANCY RED SALMON 30c lb.
25c STEAK CODFISH 20c lb.
25c STEAK BLUEFISH 20c lb.

10c JUICY GRAPEFRUIT .3 for 20c
15c CUCUMBERS 10c each
65c SWISS CHEESE 59c lb.
25c LIEDER KRANTZ 21c pkg.

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There are more than 200 cups of Tea to a pound of Tea, while Coffee yields 40 cups to the pound. The east per cup would be the same.

Tea at 49c a pound is well within the reach of all, as at this price it costs you but a 1/4 cent per cup.

With fine quality tea costing but 1/4 cent per cup, then there is small excuse for purchasing cheap, trashy tea, with nothing but the price to commend it.

We handle the finest Formosas from TAMSUAI-FORMOSA —At— 39c 49c 59c lb.

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A small per cent over the cost of material is my answer to the ordinary dentist's big prices and get all you can ideas.

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RICARD'S 123 CENTRAL ST.

SCHOOLS AT DISPOSAL
OF GOVERNMENT

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Brig. Gen. John A. Johnston, commander of the department of the northeast, has received offers placing a number of New England trade schools and schools of practical arts at the disposal of the government in its plans for rehabilitating wounded soldiers for vocational usefulness. He has forwarded to the adjutant general at Washington such an offer from the Rhode Island school of design.

CONSERVATION OF COAL

The Beaver Brook and Merrimack Woolen mills of Dracut have been notified by the company which furnishes them coal to conserve the present supply of fuel as much as possible, for the situation has become very acute. The report of large shipments of coal to the New England section may help to relieve the present outlook, but the dealers hold out no promise as to what the future may have in store along this line.



SPECIAL BIG NEW YEAR BILL
Matinee 2—TODAY—Evening 7:30

MAY TULLY PRESENTS
"Mrs. Ritter Appears"
A Comedy by George Killely

BURNS & FRABITO
"SHOOT'S"

McMahon, Diamond
& Chaplow
In "THE RAG DOLL"

Morris & Campbell
"THE AVIATEHER"

Jennie Middleton
The Charming Violinist

The Littlejohns
In a Dazzling Diamond Act

The Photoplay Sensation!
The Most Celebrated Woman in the World

Mary Garden
in THAIS

From the Famous Novel by
Anatole France

STANDARD
CONTINUOUS PROGRAM

TODAY AND SATURDAY

Metro Presents
FRANCIS X.

BUSHMAN

AND
BEVERLY BAYNE

THE
Voice of
Conscience

WM. FOX PRESENTS
JUNE

CAPRICE

UNKNOWN 274

A Strange Adventure of a Young
Girl in a Big City

IN SIX ACTS

SUGAR! SUGAR!

of Melodies by the
Junior Holy Name Society

Minstrel Show

—AT THE—
SACRED HEART SCHOOL HALL

Friday Eve., Jan. 4, 1918

TICKETS 35 CENTS

TODAY AND
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Your Last Chance to See
Selwyn and Co's Big
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\$25.00 IN GOLD TO THE
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Everyone Who Sees
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COMING NEXT WEEK

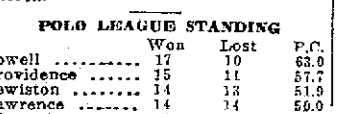
BOX OFFICE IS OPEN DAILY FROM 9 A. M. TO 9 P. M.

CORP. BILL DUGGAN IS
A GREAT SHOT

Corp. Bill Duggan, now stationed at Camp Devens, who will play second rush for the Lawrence polo team in the game with Lowell at the Rollaway tonight has a great eye for the cage and as he is with the stick the kaiser has better watch out. Duggan is without doubt one of the most accurate shooters in the league. When he gets hold of the ball and gives it a clout the little "apple" invariably hits the bull's eye. As for speed and endurance, none in the business has anything on the soldier-player. He's like a flash, and has the power of maintaining this wonderful speed throughout the three periods. Duggan, however, is not the only star on the downriver team. Capt. Hardy, Slater and Ryan are among the league's leaders at the respective positions and Blount at goal is the league's most successful man at that position. Lowell will present the same strong and effective lineup, which up to date has been good enough to keep the team at the top of the heap. The game will start at 8:30 o'clock.

POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	17	10	63.0
Providence	15	11	57.7
Lewiston	14	12	53.8
Lawrence	14	14	50.0
Worcester	13	14	48.1
Portland	11	13	45.8



Factory output two hundred thousand daily. Largest selling brand of 10 Cigars in the world. Factory, Manchester, N. H.

Jewel Theatre

WORLD PICTURES PRESENT

ALICE BRADY in "THE MAID OF BELGIUM"

The story of a pretty Belgian girl, whose memory was lost through suffering. She is brought to America and becomes a mother. Who was the child's father? See this picture.

9th Episode of
"THE RED ACE"

with Marie Walcamp in this part.
"A VOICE FROM THE DEAD"

6th Episode of
"THE HIDDEN HAND"

with Doris Kenyon in this part of the story.
"THE FLOWER OF DEATH"

LAUGH—MORE LAUGH—SCREAM

CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "THE ADVENTURER"

The funniest picture yet. See him as an escaped convict, and how he wins freedom in society life. Hal! Hal! Hal!

"DEVOTED TO THE SCREEN"

Royal Theatre

SPECIALTIES

THIRD EPISODE OF
Vengeance
and the
Woman

THE VITAGRAPH
SERIAL PLAY

SIXTH EPISODE OF
The Hidden
Hand

THE BIG-4 SERIAL

OTHER FILMS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

THE SCREEN'S FAVORITE
DOROTHY GISH

In the Fine Five Part Film-Arts
Drama Picture
"CHILDREN OF THE
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A Great Play With a Great Cast of
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ADDED ATTRACTION
LONESOME LUKE

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ALL FEATURES
TODAY AND SATURDAY

ANN MURDOCK IN
"A BEAUTIFUL ADVENTURE"

A spicy six-act comedy drama of twisted contentions

Charlie Chaplin in "The Adventurer"

In cleverness and funniness Chaplin outdoes himself in this
ridiculous farce, the greatest ever.

1st Episode of the Romantic Mystery Serial
"THE LOST EXPRESS"

Start It Now

LUKE COMEDY AND OTHER PLAYS

HOLLER POLO RESULTS

Lewiston 4, Worcester 5.

POLO NOTES

Jesse Burkett, hero of a "thousand barrel" battle, will referee tonight's Lowell-Lawrence polo game.

A team from Lawrence will meet the Lowell live wires before tonight's big game.

Jimmy Cameron of the Portland team is the best scoring halfback in the league, having caged the ball nine times to date.

It's too bad that the seating capacity at the armory is not larger. The fans are turning out in great style and pack the armory every time there's a game.—Lawrence Telegram.

A great deal of the success of the Lowell club has been due to the clever work of Harkins and Griffith. The pair work together nicely.—Exchange.

Thompson, the speed king from the west, is proving a big help to the Providence team. He is a clever skater and has a wicked drive for the goal.

When the Taunton and Brockton teams were shifted to Portland and Lewiston, the teams were given an even start of 500 per cent. in the league table.

McQuaid of the Kimball's, the Merrimacks three from the Spindle City five, and the Middlesex captured all points from Carra.

Dwyer of the Highland Daylights and McQuaid of the Kimball's were tied for the best three-string total with 234. McQuaid had the highest single, 136, with Martel second with 131. Martel made a total of 333, while Dwyer of the White Ways kept up his good work and scattered the pins for a total of 331. Several other good games were rolled last night. The scores:

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Hulma 85 102 95 282
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Gill 98 93 83 284
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Bowers 83 85 94 262
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KITTREDGE'S Minor League

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LOST AND FOUND

SMALL SHEPHERD DOG lost Wednesday noon. Return to 35 Third st.

MALE TOY POODLE lost; very small; long white hair; no collar. Reward at 107 Holyrood ave.

FOUND found. Call evenings at 116 Quebec st.

SUFFER DOG found. Owner call evenings at 816 Lawrence st.

PLUSH CARRIAGE ROBE LOST

Between depot and North Tewksbury via Middlesex, Church, Andover Sts. Finder please return to 166 Central St. Suitable reward.

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\$450 WILL BUY a business where you can employ from 6 to 8 men, and derive an income from \$100 to \$125 per week. If, Boardman, Richardson Hotel. Call from 6 to 9 p. m.

FOR SALE

PIANO for sale; Colonial upright; used a little; only \$100. 747 Merrimack st.

SLEIGH for sale; Travers runner; puny in fine condition. Inquire at 23 Chapel st. O'Donnell Brothers.

FIVE HORSES and five sleighs for sale. H. H. Flynn, 127 Gorham st.

100 WHITE CHESTER PIGS for sale; price low for 10 or more. Tugboro car, second house beyond first fair limit. H. E. Cadz.

Sub 87 81 89 267
Mahan 93 101 83 282
Totals 454 474 449 1377

HIGHLAND DAYLIGHTS

Cole 101 101 107 309
Hall 89 98 121 308
Johnson 121 111 102 334
Kampton 99 106 91 296
Martel 83 131 114 333
Totals 491 541 535 1567

CRESCENTS

Concannon 89 88 84 261
Donohoe 105 88 114 307
Johnson 91 102 90 283
Le Brun 85 118 89 292
Jewett 88 93 97 273
Totals 455 478 484 1417

JEWELS

Pantano 105 97 82 284
Grew 84 83 97 270
Veres 80 88 94 262
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Spanos 86 115 108 309
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SPINDLE CITY

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A. O. H. DIVISIONS HELD
JOINT INSTALLATION

The three local divisions of the A.O.H., divisions 1, 8 and 11, held a joint installation of officers in the Hibernian hall last evening and the exercises were conducted by County Recording Secretary Daniel G. Reilly. Mr. Reilly conducted the installation in an excellent manner.

There was a large attendance of the members of the various divisions and President John McInerney of the Central council of the A.O.H. was the presiding officer of the evening. The following officers were installed:

Division 1, A.O.H.—President, Jas. O'Sullivan; vice president, Dr. Patrick J. Barry; financial secretary, John A. Sheehan; recording secretary, John J. Murphy; treasurer, Michael P. Connelly; physician, John P. Boyle, M.D.; sick committee, Thomas P. Fitzgerald; Timothy Pinnegar; Patrick Cullinan; sentinel, Patrick Jarrett; sergeant-at-arms, John Keefe; standing committee, Daniel J. Murphy; chairman, Philip J. Harley; Owen McGarvie; Patrick Conroy; Patrick Ward; finance committee, John P. Mahoney; John Mann; John Sheehan.

Division 8, A.O.H.—President, Michael J. Monahan; vice president, John J. O'Sullivan; financial secretary, Thomas Dorsey; treasurer, Nicholas Sorogian; recording secretary, John Barrett; sergeant-at-arms, Hugh J. Leonard; sentinel, John McGarry; sick committee, Thomas Larkin; Hugh McGowan; physician, Dr. J. J. O'Sullivan; James Loughran, M.D.; standing committee, J. Barrett; chairman, John Mulligan; Dr. Thomas Donnelly; M. Gorman and P. Sheridan.

Division 11, A.O.H.—President, John J. Kenny; vice president, Patrick Sexton; financial secretary, William Nelson; recording secretary, John Galtin; treasurer, John H. Hickey; sentinel, Frank McKearney; sergeant-at-arms, Martin O'Donnell; standing committee, Daniel J. Murphy; chairman, Dennis Dwyer; Patrick Finnick; Patrick Flawley; John Callahan; sick committee, John Dwyer; Michael Dugan; Thomas McCall; physician, James J. Cassidy, M.D.

The newly installed officers are for the most part well known members of the A.O.H. President James O'Sullivan of Division 1 was president of the same division 45 years ago, and he with Daniel J. Murphy has started on their first milestone in Hibernian activities. Dr. Patrick J. Barry, vice president, is a valued member of the society and although but a young man has had an abundance of experience as a public speaker. James A. Sheehan, the financial secretary, was installed for the 19th consecutive time. Last evening, Michael J. Monahan, president of Division 8, was formerly president of St. Peter's Holy Name society. President John J. Kenny of Division 11, was formerly treasurer of the central council. The other officers are also well known and experienced in Hibernian affairs.

After the installation last evening there were remarks by the newly elected presidents, who stated that they would do everything in their power to have their respective divisions play a worthy part in the expanded activities of the A.O.H., which would inevitably result from war conditions.

There were also remarks by Dr. Patrick J. Barry, John J. O'Sullivan, Patrick Sexton, John Barrett, John Tully and John Murphy. A musical program was carried out with the following taking part: Edward Finnegan, Thomas Leonard, John O'Sullivan, Patrick Hunt, John Curran, James A. Sheehan and John P. Shanahan.

DEATHS

WILKES—Marya Wilkes, aged one year, eight months and 15 days, died yesterday morning at the home of her parents, 30 Charles street.

WILKES—Mrs. Mary Wilkes, nee Parnella Ripelle, aged 34 years, died today at Tewksbury. The body was removed to her home, 33 Tucker street. Deceased leaves her husband, three brothers, Nazaire Ripelle of this city; Patrick Ripelle of Canada and Henri Ripelle of Warren, R. I.; three sisters, Mrs. Amelia Melancon of New Bedford, Mrs. Melvina Simmons of Warren, R. I., and Mrs. Ida Elliott of Providence, R. I.

OLSON—Mr. Otto Olson, a well known resident of this city, passed away this morning at his home, 21 Alchester street. His body was moved to the funeral parlors of Undertaker William H. Saunders, 21 Appleton street.

FUNERALS

BUZZELL—The funeral services of Elijah A. Buzzell were held at his residence, 7 South Franklin court yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Arthur W. Shaw, assistant pastor of St. Anne's Episcopal church. The bearers were Messrs. James W. Prescott, A. Allen E., and J. Anderson B. Buzzell. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in the Edson cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

KEEGAN—The funeral of Miss Josephine A. Keegan took place yesterday afternoon from the chapel of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons, Rev. Joseph Curtin of St. Patrick's church recited the committal prayers at the grave and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

WRIGHT—The funeral services of Miss H. Wright were held at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. Emery Smith at 1111 High street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Harold Dale, pastor of the Hibernian Congregational church. The bearers were Emery, George and Fred Smith and Ernest Wright. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in the Edson cemetery, where committal prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Dale. Undertaker John A. Weinbeck in charge.

KYANKA—The funeral of Mrs. Anton Kyanka, the victim of fire at her home in Adams street, some days ago, took place yesterday afternoon from her home in Adams street. Services were held at the Holy Trinity church in High street. Rev. Alexander Ogowski officiating. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, Fr. Ogowski officiating at the grave. The funeral was under the direction of Undertaker Amodeo Archambault.

PARADIS—The funeral of David Paradis took place this morning from his home, 3 Laval place. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Joseph's church at 8 o'clock by Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Eugene Bolduc, O.M.I., as sub-deacon. The bearers were Louis, Lucien and Wilfrid Paradis and Omer Belanger. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Louis Bachand, O.M.I. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Amodeo Archambault & Sons.

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DAME—The funeral of Henry Dame took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ambrose, 470 North street, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church, where at 9 o'clock a funeral mass was sung by Rev. James McCartin, O.M.I. There were many beautiful floral tributes and spiritual bouquets. The bearers were Leon J. Lebarge, Alfred Gaudette, Louis Stanon and Frank Hickson. At the grave Rev. Owen McQuaid, O.M.I., read the committal prayers and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

SCANLON—The funeral of Mrs. Mary (Daisy) Scanlon took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from her home, No. 53 Fourth street and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Henry Tatten. There were many beautiful floral offerings; also many spiritual bouquets from sympathizing relatives and friends. The bearers were Messrs. William Scanlon, Thomas Scanlon, James Scanlon, Jas. Pife, James Cook and George Shields. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where the last rites of the Catholic church were solemnized by Rev. P. Tatten. Funeral Director James W. McKenna in charge.

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RUSSIA SENDS COUNTER
PROPOSALS TO GERMAN

Unless there is a change in original plans the emissaries of Russia and the central powers will meet today to continue their discussion of peace terms which the Bolsheviks have declared are unacceptable. Russia's delegates have proposed the conference meet in Stockholm which if agreed to by the Germans will make for delay.

Counter Proposals by Russia
A news despatch received in London says the Russians have made counter proposals to the Germans. It is added that they will be discussed at the next meeting. The Russian proposals which would indicate the Russians have not persisted in their demand that future meetings be held on neutral soil. The new Russian proposals call for complete evacuation of occupied territory pending a referendum on self-determination.

Report Von Hertling to the
Reports that the German and Austrian emperors and their military and political advisers are much perturbed by the Russian attitude are followed by one that Count von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, is ill. Berlin political circles have a rumor that von Hertling, who is 74 years old, is to be ousted in favor of Prince von Bismarck, the former chancellor, who is very close to the German crown prince.

May Recognize Bolshevik
Recognition of the Lenin-Trotsky regime in Russia as a de facto government by the central powers would be probable, according to the London Daily Chronicle. Such change of sentiment, it is said, would be due to the three ways supported by von Hertling and might bring from the allies a statement of democratic policy toward Russia.

Demands Withdrawal of Troops
Meanwhile the question of the constituent assembly still bothers the Bolsheviks. The German government has been called at once. The government of the Ukraine has sent to the Bolsheviks a demand that it withdraw its army from the Ukraine and decide whether or not it is at war with the government.

Compulsory Rationing
Compulsory rationing will be under consideration in making the food controller, said the situation was not alarming and would improve although there is rationing in certain foodstuffs would continue.

May Recognize Lenin Regime
LONDON, Jan. 4.—Recognition of the Lenin-Trotsky regime in Russia by the central powers would be probable, according to the London Daily Chronicle. The statement apparently is based on a contribution by a diplomatic correspondent which is printed beneath it. The writer says that owing to the Bolshevik discovery of German duplicity, anything may happen.

"There are," he says, "three alternatives: The Bolsheviks may give way, the Germans may give way, or the war will continue. The first is hardly likely in view of the situation."

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Foreign Minister, Trotsky's declaration. The second is, possible, for the Germans are past masters in the art of specious compromise. But the third is the most probable since the Bolsheviks have exhibited a perspicacity which was hardly expected in this country.

"Russia, the land of boundless surprise, may not probably witness a revival of war, if not in the most active form it might at least be a suitably defensive war."

Assuming such a situation and the conclusion of Bolshevik power, provided failure to extract a peace does not wreck the Lenin regime then recognition of that power as the de facto government follows.

Referring to the retirement of Sir George Buchanan, the British ambassador to Russia, whose services are praised highly, the writer says: "In his place probably would be sent a diplomat in marked sympathy with the ideas of revolutionary Russia."

Be that as it may we may expect shortly some new statement of policy with regard to Russia, which should lean toward the latest developments and democracy, would undoubtedly strengthen the allied cause in Russia.

Two Tendencies at Meeting
LONDON, Jan. 4.—There were two distinct tendencies noticeable in the early debate at the Peace-Liaison meetings, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says. One was an emotionalist and was represented by Gen. von Hoffman. A more moderate view was held by Purgin, Secretaries von Kuehlmann and Zernin.

There were frequent disputes between the two tendencies. These were settled, it is added, by appeals to Berlin which ways supported von Kuehlmann and Zernin. Gen. von Hoffman took the purely military point of view and complained with great bitterness that the Russians were using the armistice to agitate among German soldiers.

According to the correspondent there is a belief among the Russian delegation that Germany will yield to the Russian demands concerning Poland and Lithuania, so as not to lose the advantage she gains by seeming to agree with Russia while the entente allies disagree.

The reasons for wishing the negotiations to be continued at Stockholm are a desire for greater publicity and this idea, expressed in a Bolshevik statement, while we recognize that Stockholm is not very neutral, it is anyhow more neutral than German headquarters.

The Daily News correspondent was present when Mr. Kamenoff, one of the Russian peace delegates presented his report. Among other things Mr. Kamenoff's report showed, he says, that the German attempts to bind Russia to their country by renewal of the treaty of 1914 which Emperor Nicholas declined to extend, resulting in a situation which was one of the causes of the war. Germany made other proposals, all for the purpose of obtaining a position as the most favored nation.

Speeches by soldier delegates described the appalling conditions in the army, which is disorganized, poorly clothed and starving. Even the artillery horses have died from lack of fodder. Nevertheless all the delegates asserted the soldiers were willing to continue the war, notwithstanding these deplorable conditions, unless the Germans agreed to peace on the lines laid down by the Bolsheviks.

Litvinoff to Stay in London
LONDON, Jan. 4.—Maxim Litvinoff, who has been appointed Bolshevik ambassador to Great Britain and who said yesterday that he probably would return to Petrograd, has decided to remain in London, pending the receipt of his instructions.

M. Litvinoff is an old friend and associate of Lenin. He is declared to be a whole-hearted supporter of the Bolsheviks, who were apparently in close touch. The Daily Mail quotes him as saying that until a courier brings him his formal appointment he cannot leave as a result of illness contracted while on the firing line. He will return to the military hospital in Canada within a few days and will stay there until the middle of February, when he expects to go back to France. The soldier was born in this city.

say whether he will accept the ambassadorship, but in a long interview in the Daily Chronicle he speaks as if he is resolved to take it.

"My task as ambassador," he says in the interview, "will be to disseminate the truth about Russia and to dissipate misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the motives, character and purpose of the workmen and soldiers' government."

M. Litvinoff declared his emphatic belief that by the present negotiations and propaganda among the German soldiers in the east, Trotsky and Lenin were contributing to the downfall of Kaiserism more probably than the allies fighting in the west.

Constituent Assembly
PETROGRAD, Jan. 3.—The Bolsheviks have fixed the opening of the constituent assembly for Jan. 18, providing there is present at that time a quorum of 400 members.

For Withdrawal of Troops
LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotsky, issued by the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News a pamphlet, to have sent a communication to the Persian government offering to begin negotiations for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Persian territory provided Turkey will withdraw her troops from the Caucasus.

The Russian commissioners, the correspondent says, have decided to negotiate with the government of Ukraine on the basis of recognition of the Ukrainian republic provided it does not hinder military operations against Gen. Kaledin.

According to the same correspondent, M. Kamenoff, the deposed premier has prepared an account of his services during the period of the first revolution, which will be presented to the constituent assembly.

In the archives of the Russian foreign office there have been discovered documents of unusual interest dealing with negotiations between Germany and the Imperial Russian government in regard to a national convention to combat socialism.

Other curious documents relating to the origin of the war throw light on certain aspects of German policy. These papers will be published as soon as they have been classified.

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DAY'S NEWS AT
CITY HALL

The old councilman's chamber at city hall, which is being used by the members of the legal advisory board, was no place this morning for persons very sensitive to cold, for the thermometer in the chamber registered a little over 50 above. As a result of the cold atmosphere the lawyers, who were on hand to assist registrants in filling their questionnaires, were forced to keep on their overcoats and some of them wore fur coats.

Everything possible was done by the engineers and firemen of the building to keep that wing of the building warm but their efforts proved fruitless. City Messenger Monahan stated today that it requires about two tons of coal a day to heat the room and at that in severe weather it is almost impossible to have the mercury climb to 60 degrees. Fortunately for the lawyers this morning's session was not a very busy one and as soon as one man was through with a registrant he shifted to the office of the building to keep warm.

While the lawyers of the advisory board were complaining about the temperature, the clerk in the office of the school board was having her little troubles, for at about 10 o'clock she found a strange noise in her office and upon investigation she found that water was dripping through the ceiling almost into the centre of the office. The city messenger was notified at once and he found that the water in the office of the bacteriologist on the floor above had been allowed to run down.

Several of his relatives live here. His sister lives at 9 Hereford place, while an uncle, J. E. Miller, is employed as night engineer at the Bore mills, where he has worked for the past 35 years. Private Miller is more than six feet tall and presents the appearance of a giant.

To a Sun reporter he gave an interesting account of some of his adventures since his enlistment in January, 1917. He said that he had been a Canadian engineer, until the time that he returned to this country. Miller spent months with the Divisional engineers in England, and rather than as a member of the Canadian tunnelling engineers and sent to France. He was immediately inducted into service at the front with the tunnelling engineers. The tunnelling engineers work 4 feet under the ground, and one of the purposes of their work is to keep the ground from falling in.

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No Room for Clinic
Miss Elizabeth Holway, representing the Harvard infantile paralysis commission, who came to Lowell yesterday for the purpose of securing rooms for clinics to be held in this city, was unable to get what she wanted, for no city master of sugar on hand that there was no room available in city hall for this month at least.

Want More Sugar
Purchasing Agent Maxime Lepine started on a tour of tea and grocery stores this noon in an endeavor to secure a barrel or any part thereof of granulated sugar for the city dispensary. A few days ago the Chelmsford street hospital being out of sugar, Mr. Lepine was able to purchase a barrel (550 pounds) of brown sugar and a sack (100 pounds) of granulated sugar, but yesterday he called up the several wholesale houses of the city in an endeavor to get more of the sweet stuff for the dispensary, but the reply he was given everywhere was "No city master of sugar on hand." There is not an ounce of sugar in the dispensary and inasmuch as sugar is badly needed there, any charitable or patriotic person who has granulated sugar on hand may do his or her "bit" by notifying the purchasing agent.

Park Department
It is very probable that the park department will ask the council this year to appropriate the sum of \$3000 for the care of trees. Next Monday if the weather is favorable the superintendent of parks will be seen, making a thorough examination of all the trees and will later report his finding to the board.

The employees of the department are now busy cutting down trees in upper Broadway and in the vicinity of the North common and the wood derived from that work is being donated to worthy families, the duty being done by the department.

Shedd Park
Despite the fact that the water at Shedd park is frozen clean through to the ground, skating there is not extra good, for the ice is very rough. Many kiddoes, however, are enjoying their favorite sport without complaining. As soon as the supply of water has increased enough to warrant it the park will be flooded.

Chauffeurs Examined
The regular weekly chauffeurs' examination was held at city hall this morning and six applicants were examined by Examiner Hubbell of the state highway commission.

Building Permits
Two permits amounting to \$5600 were issued from the office of the inspector of buildings at city hall this morning. One of the permits was to Georgianna White for the erection of a two-family dwelling in Dean avenue at a cost of \$2500, while the other was to Charles Markarian for an addition and alterations to the building numbered 42-45 Winter street at a cost of \$2600.

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
Today was the first Friday of the month and was observed with the usual services in the Catholic churches of the city. Confessions were heard yesterday afternoon and last evening and a large number of parishioners received communion this morning. Services will be held in the majority of the churches this evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC
The Julien Danst Co. of French players will present tonight at the Academy of Music, "The Two Orphans," a thrilling drama. The company is the best French troupe that has played here in years and it is hoped that the people of Lowell will be well pleased. Tomorrow matinee they present the "Pearl of Navarre."